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January 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 12 samples representing ~~six~~ bullions in regard to which the depositor has made claim of under-payment. I would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the samples for further comparative assaying.

~~The samples are from a cyanide mill and are approximately (46) 50 gold (and 696 silver)~~ For the sake of comparison I would like to have the assaying follow certain lines, viz:- to add 500 GW. of proof gold to the assay sample of 1000 GW., to run the assays in sets of 3 rows of 3 cupels, the middle cupel being occupied by a proof in each case, and to have the used cupels forwarded here, duly identified, to be assayed. I do not wish to influence the assayer in any way regarding the proof to be used, but I would like to have the composition of the proofs used given, and also a statement regarding the temperature.

Respectfully,

R. D. Tracy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo forwarding 7 ounces of granulated silver as partial return for the 15.23 ounces of silver forwarded from the Bureau, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 31st ultimo about nickels:-

The samples from deliveries 12, 13 and 14 have been put into the general collection for return to you, and are not, thus, available, but I am enclosing the coins from deliveries 17 and 18, all of which are defective in one way or another.

Respectfully,

J. B. Leavy,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 16, 17, and 18 at Philadelphia have been weighed with the following results:-

16	17	18
75.25	75.75	75.25
.70	76.15 (2)	76.05
76.40	.20	.60 (2)
77.05	.25	.70
.30	.80	.85
.50	77.05	.95
.75	.45 (2)	77.15
78.00	.50	.40
	.60	.65
	.65	78.60

Coins struck on blanked dies were as follows:

	Del. 16	Del. 17	Del. 18.
1 blanked die	1	1	2
2 " dies	6	10	9

In delivery 17 one coin was struck on a badly worn die, and in delivery 18 four coins were struck on dirty dies. Every coin in both deliveries 17 and 18 was defective.

Respectfully,

R. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is the desire of the Chief Clerk of the Department to provide Mr. A. W. Downing with transportation orders from Philadelphia to San Diego. Will you kindly direct that the Bureau be advised of the exact route Mr. Downing wishes to take from Philadelphia to the end of the route. It is understood that it will be agreeable for you to spare Mr. Downing for this duty after the 7th instant.

Respectfully,

A. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay coins representing nickel deliveries 21 and 22 at Philadelphia have been weighed with the following results:-

Del. 21		Del. 22.	
74.50	77.95	74.85	78.00
.80	78.20 (2)	75.20	.05
75.20	.25 (2)	.65	.10 (2)
.35	.35	.80	.20
.50	.50	.90	.35
.65	.70	.95	.45 (2)
.90	.75 (3)	76.25	.60
76.10	.80	.40	.80
.15	.90	.50	79.05
.20	79.35	.60 (2)	.10
.25	.40	.85	.15
.30	.45	.90	.20 (2)
.35		77.00	.60
.40		.10 (2)	
.50		.15	
.60		.25	
.80		.45	
.85 (2)		.55	
.90 (2)		.70	
77.15 (3)		.75	
.25		.80 (2)	
.35		.85 (2)	
.40		.90 (2)	
.45 (2)			
.50 (2)			
.55 (2)			
.65			
.70			
.75			
.85			
.90			

In delivery 21 there were 14 coins struck on dirty dies and 1 coin showed a blister. In delivery 22 there were nine coins struck

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on one blanked die, and 12 coins struck on two blanked dies; 6 coins showed a circular junction of the jaw and neck of the Indian.

Respectfully,

A. P. Denny

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bills against the Denver Mint for eagle collars, $123.90, and San Francisco Mint, parts for automatics, $54.93, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notations on face of vouchers.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 31st ult. you are informed that the records of the Bureau do not show receipt of any bill for ribbon from the War Department since July last. Below is a list of such bills, sent to the Auditor on the dates indicated, and settled by him:

March 18, 1914 - - -	$150.30
March 28 - - - - - -	11.60
April 14 - - - - - -	44.10
July 9 - - - - - -	36.00

Respectfully,

J. E. Zerbey

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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January 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please direct that an invoice of $1,000 of proof gold be prepared for the Mint at San Francisco, and advise the Bureau when the same is ready.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 23 and 25 have been weighed with the following results:-

Del. 23	Del. 25
74.85	74.65
75.	75.20
.10	76.10
.35	.20
.60	.30
.65	.35
76.20	.70
.35 (3)	.80
.45	77.35
.50 (2)	.55
.70	.90
.80	.95
77.15 (2)	78.30
.25 (2)	.70
.35	.80
.60	
.80	
.85	
78.00 (2)	
.10	
.15	
.70	
.85 (2)	

Seventeen coins from delivery 23 were struck on dirty dies.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Additional information is requested concerning certain items appearing in your September cost report.

Boxing and shipping articles for New York electrical exposition, $592.31; the 1913 correspondence concerning the exhibit made that year seems to contemplate that the Government be not put to any expense in connection therewith. Has it been the practice in the past for the Government to pay such considerable expenses as this in connection with non-Governmental exhibits?

Repairing milling machine, $243.92; were these repairs in connection with the electrical exhibit?

Experiments and New Designs $1,266.29 (Engraving Dept.); more detailed information concerning this is desired - see Bureau's letter of Aug. 4, 1914.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department has concluded to have a quantity of blanks made at the San Francisco Mint to be used for the medal to be issued by the San Diego Exposition. The Superintendent at San Francisco is expected to prepare 10,000 bronze blanks and 1,000 silver blanks for these medals. Will you please direct that the necessary directions be forwarded to the San Francisco Mint for the proper preparation of these blanks, based upon your information about the dies which it is understood are being prepared by Mr. Barber, and also upon the capacity or size of the press forwarded from your institution.

I willbe obliged if you will kindly direct that a copy of the instructions sent to Mr. Shanahan be forwarded for the files of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

A. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have just been informed by the Chief Clerk of the Treasury that Mr. Downing's compensation while on detail at the San Diego Exposition will be six dollars ($6) a day, this sum to include all of his expenses and his compensation while at San Diego. It occurs to me that there might be some objection on the part of Mr. Downing to this allowance and if there should be I would thank you to inform me at once.

Respectfully,

A. W. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 1 and 2, 1915, from Philadelphia have been weighed with the following results:-

Del. 1	Del. 2
75.70	75.55
76.20	.65
.40	.70
.70	.75
77.00	.80
.30	.85
.45	76.15
.60	.25
.90	.40
.95	77.00
78.65	.40
79.15	.50
.30	.60
	.75 (2)
	.90
	78.15
	.40
	.60
	.65
	.85

3.50

3.30

The coins in delivery No. 1 and one in delivery No. 2 were struck on dirty dies.

Respectfully,

H. D. Emery

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Yesterday the Minister of Costa Rica called in regard to having you coin 10,000 gold one-colon pieces, and is to call again to-morrow. Expecting that you would be here to-day I wished to talk the matter over with you before giving definite answers, but your letter, received this morning, stating that you will not be here until next week, changes the matter. I would, therefore, thank you to telephone to-morrow morning as early as practicable, answers to the following questions, and confirm by letter later: How soon could you execute this coinage? How much would be the estimated cost, and particularly, the cost of preparing the master dies and hubs. It appears from your letter of March 7th that you have eight sets of master dies for the Costa Rican coinage, but I do not find the one-colon listed. My understanding is that the design for the one colon is the same as the other gold pieces. On the 11th of November you gave an average statement in regard to the manufacture of foreign coinage, but this statement does not include such a small gold piece as the one-colon. It is understood, of course, that they will supply the gold.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 14 samples representing 7 bullions, being a part of the series to which the samples sent you on Jan. 2, 1915, belong. I would thank you to have these samples assayed in duplicate for gold, following the directions of the former letter.

All of these are about fifty-two gold, but the silver varies a trifle as follows:-

245		246	707
9	717	7	
250		248	704
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Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay coins representing nickel delivery 26 at Philadelphia have been weighed with the following results:-

Delivery 26.

75.00	76.75	78.10
.15	.80	.20
.55	.85	.25
.75	77.00	.30
76.00	.05 (2)	.35
.20	.10	.50
.25	.15 (2)	.60
.30	.40	.90
.45	.50 (2)	79.65
.50	.60	
.60	.75	
	.80	
	.85	

Two of these coins were struck on dirty dies, and one showed a blister.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dery

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - -	$ 8,000
Wages of Workmen - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - -	6,000
	$39,000

Respectfully,

R. Gray

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the C. E. Howe Company for supplying your Mint with one copy each of Boyd's Business Directory of Philadelphia, and the Boyd's Philadelphia City Directory for 1915, at $3.50 and $8.00 per copy respectively.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant requesting that a supply of Form 920 be sent you, I have to state that the stock of that Form is exhausted and new copies have been ordered and will be forwarded to you when received from the Public Printer.

I would suggest that if you should have occasion to use Form 920 in the meantime, that you have them typewritten.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant enclosing 8.23 ounces of granulated silver, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your recommendation of the 7th instant you are authorized to destroy the ninety-five copper bronze medals of former Directors of the Mint for the reason that there is no sale for medals of this material.

Respectfully,

A. A. Ivy.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith check drawn upon the Treasurer of the United States covering the value of 1914 nickels sent to the Bureau, in amount $20.20.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant relative to the cost of the dies for the Salvador coins. The Consul of Salvador has been advised that the letter of this Bureau dated November 27th, 1914, placing the cost of the dies at $400, is amended to read $250 for each die.

Respectfully,

J. E. Zerr

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your payrolls for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914, do not carry indication of deductions, or rather amounts withheld, on account of the income tax, as required by Treasury Department Circular #33 dated Aug. 11, 1914, copy of which was mailed you Oct. 6th.

If the amounts were not withheld they should be repaid to you as the Agent of the Government and accounted for in the manner prescribed by the above mentioned circular. In this connection see Bureau's letter of Oct. 30th.

Proposed forms have not as yet been received but accounting may be made by simply stating the facts required, as explained in the circular.

Respectfully,

H. D. Perry

Acting Director Of the Mint.

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January 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Chief Clerk of the Department informs me that Mr. Downing has visited other expositions at the same price that has been settled upon for the San Diego Exposition, and it hardly seems reasonable that he should now ask for a higher price.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Bureau bills against the Panama-Pacific and Panama-California Expositions covering your expense of dismantling and crating equipment for shipment, also for any other expenses properly connected with those expositions.

With respect to these and all future exhibits of Mint processes it will be the policy of the Bureau, unless you are otherwise advised, at our own expense to put in proper condition the equipment loaned; but to render bills to exhibition authorities for reimbursement of our appropriations for the expense of dismantling, packing, etc., for shipment; unpacking, installing and and putting in proper working condition the returned equipment, and for any other expenses properly connected with such exhibits.

Respectfully,

A. D. Foley

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding copy of Bureau's letter of Aug. 4, 1914, as per your request of the 7th instant.

The shops jobs charged to Educational Service in your September cost report should be allowed to so stand in the present instance - their future handling has been considered in a separate letter of even date.

With reference to the September cost report - coinage recapitulation - will you please explain the purpose of and necessity for the transfers of ingots from one denomination to another requiring different sized ingots.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. A. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 8th transmitting assays;- It is noted that you do not give the proportion of silver used. I would also thank you to give the proof weights.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $1,000 payable in 48.375 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded by you to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

A. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 8th transmitting assays:- It is noticed that you do not give the proportion of silver used. I would also thank you to give the proof weights.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering $1,000 worth of proof gold for the Mint at Denver, and as soon as received a transfer order will be requested.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver fifteen pairs of One cent coinage dies.

Respectfully,

F. P. Kenney.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited in the Treasury in your name:-

On account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the month of December, and the increase of your bullion fund in like amount ---------- $21,031.39

On account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin during the month of December, and the increase of your Minor Coinage Metal fund in like amount ---------- 177.037.13.

Respectfully,

J. P. Denny

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding letter of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint protesting against being charged with the expense of alleged defective coin collars. With return of letter please advise me concerning the cause of the difficulty, as well as whether, under the circumstances, the amount of the charge is just.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, January 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a request from the British Embassy for information regarding coinage, medals, etc., made by the United States, from which the following question (#4) is referred to your Mint for reply:-

4.- "Were any medals struck at the Mint or Mints, during (calendar year) 1914. If so, give particulars as to numbers, metals, &c."

I will thank you to have a suitable answer prepared and forwarded to this Bureau for transmission through the regulation channels.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Since directing on the 11th instant that bills be rendered against exposition authorities for expenses connected with exhibits of mint processes it has come to attention that the Panama-Pacific Exposition law is construed by the Treasury Representative to mean that all Government employees engaged on work connected with that exposition are detailed thereto and that therefore the exposition appropriation is not chargeable with their compensation. This being the case and in view of the smallness of the Treasury allotment to meet exhibition expenses it is directed that no bills be rendered against the Panama-Pacific Exposition, as the materials, etc., used will doubtless be of comparatively little consequence.

This applies only to the Panama-Pacific Exposition expenses.

Respectfully,

R. Deany

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 3, 5 and 6 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 3.	No. 5.		No. 6
74.80	75.05 (2)	78.05	75.75
75.20	.40	.10 (2)	.80
.40	76.00 (2)	.15 (2)	.90
.55	.05	.20 (3)	76.00
.75	.30 (2)	.25 (2)	.30
.85 (2)	.80	.30	.40
.90	.95	.35 (2)	.45
76.10	77.00	.40	.65
.25	.05	.45	.85
.55 (3)	.10	.50 (3)	77.00
77.10 (2)	.15	.60	.05
.20 (2)	.35 (2)	.65 (3)	.20
.40	.40 (2)	.90	.55 (3)
.70	.45	79.60	.70
78.05	.55 (2)		78.05 (2)
	.60		.15
	.65 (2)		.30
	.75		.50 (2)
	.85		.60
			79.75

Respectfully,

A. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing receipt for premium upon the bond of Mr. Robert Clark. The receipt has been filed in the Section of Surety Bonds, Secretary's Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to our recent conversation regarding the coining of imperfect nickels at Philadelphia, and the means to be taken to improve the quality of the coins:- Considering the very large seigniorage that the government obtains on the minor coinage it can well afford to expend a reasonable amount of money to obtain a high grade of coin rather than to sacrifice quality to quantity of output. Therefore, the dies should be replaced as soon as they show distinct signs of wear, and a sufficient amount of metal should be eliminated from the ingots and strips in order to produce high grade blanks, even though this should slightly increase the cost of the coinage.

The frequent blanking of the dies, and consequent blurring of the designs shown by your coins should not, however, be an excuse for increasing the cost of the coinage. This can be avoided by the exercise of proper care at the coining press.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Treasury representative of the Government Board of the Panama-Pacific Exposition requests that the working dies for the medal designed by Mr. Aitken, the master dies of which it is understood have been delivered to you, should be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. I would, therefore, thank you to have these dies prepared at once and forwarded to San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Since you were here I have picked up several of your nickels in circulation which show blanked dies. I am enclosing two for your personal inspection.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from delivery No. 7 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 7.

75.10
.15
.25
.45
76.10
.15
.30 (2)
.45
.55 (2)
.60 (2)
.85
.90
77.05
.15
.45
.60
.65 (2)
78.00
.05
.10
.15 (2)
.20
79.60

Respectfully,

F. O. Dery.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Commercial Bank of Spanish America relative to Salvador coinage. Will you please return the letter with the information necessary for the Bureau to advise the Bank relative to the weight, number and kind of containers necessary to care for the following amount of proposed coins:-

525,000 pieces of the one cent.
825,000 " " three cents.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to advise you that sick leave for the period named in your letter will be approved for Mr. Snider, deceased.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is estimated that approximately 1,000,000 of the Aitken medals will be struck at the exposition, but as there is some uncertainty you need not prepare at this time more than half the working dies that you would estimate as being required for the total issue.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office has informed the Bureau that he can now ship to you 50,000 ounces of fine silver. Will you please advise the Bureau as to the sizes of the bars you desire, and transfer order will be requested.

Respectfully,

R. D. Perry.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, January 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward your statement showing the life of coinage dies, covering the calendar year 1914.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 412

January 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed samples belong in the series with those sent you on the 2nd, and I would be glad to have you treat them in the same way.

They are approximately 50 in gold, and Nos. 239, 240, 1, and 2 are approximately 700 in silver, while 243 and 4 are 720.

Respectfully,

A. D. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

January 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant enclosing $1.25, covering the value of nickel pieces forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

A. P. Dennis

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the enclosed $3.60 will you please forward to the Bureau, by ordinary mail, the following medals:

Presidential, in Scovill bronze:
Two Lincoln.
One Grant.

Silver Medal, Miscellaneous No. 5:
Grant and Lincoln.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Third Assistant Postmaster General has advised the Bureau that two dies made at the Mint for the U. S. Stamped Envelope Agent, have been sent to you by registered mail under date of January 19th, for inspection and report, on account of the short lives of the dies and the apparent difference in the manufacture of the dies. Will you please direct that report be made, through the Bureau, regarding the dies in question.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury,

Acting Diredtor of the Mint.

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January 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 22nd instant I have this day requested that the Minor Coinage Metal Fund Account of your Mint be increased in the sum of $30,000.

Respectfully,

A. B. Bury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Penna. R. R. Co., transportation of stationery from Washington Nov. 17, 1914, and from Rockville, Conn., Nov. 18, 1914 - - - - - - $1.53

Pullman Co., seat for Clifford Hewitt, Phila. to Hartford and return, Oct. 13, 1914 - - - 2.30

Respectfully,

F. D. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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January 27, 1915.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the transfer of the sum of $1,000 from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Denver, payable in proof gold to be forwarded by you to that institution.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation of the 25th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the American Gas Furnace Co., for furnishing and supervising the installation of three automatic heat controllers, one on each of the three No. 17 Heating Machines in the Annealing Room, at the rate of $350 a piece.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed samples belong in the series with the last sent you and I would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office. I do not wish to place any restrictions upon the assaying and it is not necessary to forward the cupels. They are approximately 46 in gold and 690 in silver.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I expect to leave here for Philadelphia late Friday evening, and to be at the Mint on Saturday morning. I am anxious to have Mr. Barber present, and will be glad if you will advise him of the time at which I hope to reach the Mint.

Respectfully,

Geo D Ewing

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $28,340.04 payable in 51,860.30 ounces of fine silver to be forwarded to you from New York.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant I have this day made inquiry of the New York Assay Office relative to a supply of silver for your Mint, and hope to be able to advise you in a few day how soon an invoice can be prepared for transfer to you.

Respectfully,

H. P. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of yesterday forwarding bill for Selas apparatus, will you please send to the Bureau a certificate as to the date of completion of installation of the apparatus, also your recommendation as to whether complete payment should be made at the present time or advantage taken of the terms of the contract for deferred payments, in order that further tests of the apparatus may be made. The question of our ability to accept the offer of 2% discount depends upon date of completion of installation.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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January 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assistant Secretary of War has to-day reported to the Bureau the receipt of the medals prepared by you for superior marksmanship. He has requested the Bureau to express his appreciation of the work on the medals, and his gratification at receiving them.

It was the original intention to have the names of the winners placed upon the medals before they left the Mint, but on account of the absence of the Assistant Secretary and his private secretary in Europe on a special mission, the names were not sent to the Mint. The Assistant Secretary request to be advised if, in case the medals are returned to the Mint, the names would be placed upon them without further charge, and if a charge is to be imposed, the amount of the same for each medal.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter stating that the souvenir medal dies and punches were ready for shipment, I beg to request that the same be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing three presidential and one miscellaneous medals. Please accept my thanks for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a list of the people who have been appointed by the President to serve as members of the Annual Assay Commission, meeting at your Mint on February 10, 1915.

Will you please cause twenty-one medals to be struck for the members of the Commission, including one for the cabinet of the Mint.

You are also authorized to make the necessary preparation for the usual luncheon to be served to the members of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your request for the appointment of Mr. John Dee as a carpenter, and to certificate of Civil Service Commission attached, I beg to say that this recommendation went directly to the Secretary's Office and did not come through the usual channel, the Bureau, for approval. Will you kindly advise me of the necessity for this appointment before final action is taken.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of Jan. 30th recommending payment in full, less 2% discount, for the Selas apparatus, you are advised that according to the terms of the contract the Government is not entitled to the discount. However, if you will detail fully the circumstances which, in your opinion, warrant the taking of the discount, they will be forwarded to the Auditor for his consideration in making settlement. Audit will be made before payment.

In making future contracts, terms of payment would be better based upon a period of satisfactory operation of machinery than upon completion of installation.

Respectfully,

R. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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February 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco five reverse Philippine ten centavo dies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver one dozen pair of cent dies.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in the following sums:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - -	7,000
	$38,000

Respectfully,

A. B. Stewart

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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Feb. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the War Department for ribbon furnished you in May and June, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1914 in the sum of $150.30.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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February 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $72,511.94, payable in 132,691.82 ounces fine silver, to be shipped to you from New York. Respectfully,

A. B. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary having directed that a press suitable for striking the $50 gold piece at the San Francisco Mint be forwarded to that institution for that purpose, I am writing now to give you notice of the fact. It will be arranged to keep the press in Philadelphia as long as possible so that it may not remain away any longer than is absolutely necessary. I am going on the assumption that when the designs for the coins are accepted will be soon enough to start the press on its way.

Respectfully,

A. D. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 6th, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the key to the box, forwarded by express, as per enclosed B/L, which contains the papers required by the Assay Commission.

Respectfully,

J. O. Denny

Acting Director of the Mint.

2 enclosures.

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February 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco five obverse and fifteen reverse double eagle dies, at your early convenience, to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Auditor for the State and other Departments has settled accounts in favor of your appropriations as follows:

Settl. No.	Date		Cont.	Wages
9569	1/25/15	"Kroonland" medals	$179.74-	$89.29
3735	2/5/15	20 gold medals with cases	$500.60-	$33.17

Respectfully,

F. S. Drury,

Acting Director Mint.

F

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February 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 25th ultimo regarding the life of dies during 1914:- I have tabulated the dime and nickel die data for 1913 and 1914 and they show most astonishing results. In the following table I have divided the number of coins struck by each die into groups of 50,000 and have given the number of dies used in each group:

Philadelphia Dime Dies 1913.

Coins Struck	Obverse Dies Used.	Reverse. Dies Used.
Less than 50000	23	12
50 to 100000	19	14
100 to 150000	17	11
150 to 200000	15	9
200 to 250000	10	14
250 to 300000	18	16
300 to 350000	9	9
350 to 400000	8	12
464930		1
Total	119	98

Philadelphia Nickel Dies 1913.

Less than 50000	108	47
50 to 100000	123	88
100 to 150000	252	205
150 to 200000	100	119
200 to 213000	5	—
200 to 250000		28
258405		1
273099		1
280137		1
Total	588	490

Philadelphia Dime Dies 1914.

Less than 50000	21	27
50 to 100000	23	19
100 to 150000	7	13

Philadelphia Dime Dies 1914, Cont.

Coins Struck	Obverse Dies Used	Reverse Dies Used.
150 to 200000	19	22
200 to 250000	13	11
250 to 300000	7	6
300 to 350000	11	8
250 to 400000	5	6
406843		1
426987		1
432377		1
433014	1	
	107	115

Philadelphia Nickel Dies 1914.

Less than 50000	40	27
50 to 100000	51	46
100 to 150000	116	111
150 to 200000	12	17
204861	1	1
	220	204

The wide variations in the life of the dies given above show that the manufacture of dies at Philadelphia is greatly in need of improvement. It is hoped that during the present year there will be a radical increase and much more uniformity in the life of the dies, and that there will be an improvement in the dies furnished to the P. O. Department.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $626,340.03 payable in 30,299,199 ounces of fine gold. The Superintendent at New York advises the Bureau that the bars are of a fineness of 999.8 and are certificate bars received from Denver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
~~San Francisco, Cal.~~
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco the following:

Four sets of double eagle segment coin collars.
Two sets eagle segment coin collars.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name the sum of $116,356.95 on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase of your Minor Coin account in like amount.

Respectfully,

F. O. Heavy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feby 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Attention is invited to certain items of your October cost report, as below:

Page 7, last item, distribution of one set gold proof coin should be to Capital Outlay.

Page 17, cost per std. ounce for month should be - gold, $0.005673; Ecuador $0.0017388.

Page 18, the shops charge of $13.53 for Ecuador coin collars should have been charged directly to the Ecuador coinage instead of indirectly. The $9.90 balance in process from last month should have been stated as such.

Page 19; what was the nature of the settlement expenses charged to double eagles and were they chargeable only to this denomination?

Page 22; the recapitulation by products does not check up with the body of the report. Manufacturing medals and proof coins for sale should be stated at $265.92 instead of $444.32. Capital Outlay should be $282.69 + 37.50 + 1.05 + 0.83 = $322.07. Work in process totals $52,254.22 instead of $51,992.73.

Page 13; could not alloy copper have been distributed direct to denominations as heretofore?

Respectfully,

A. Dewey,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 11th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of James Clendenin, Baltimore, Md., for furnishing 150,000 pounds of best grade electrolytic copper, for use in the minor coinage, at $0.1480 per pound.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher for reimbursement of the expenses of the Acting Director of the Mint, in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Assay Commission, payable from your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $15.71.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you by express 10-1/3 lbs. of bullion representing the special assay coins received at this Bureau during the six months ended December 31, 1914, and would thank you to state the value of the shipment so that it may be properly divided among the three institutions.

Respectfully,

R. P. D'Emery,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau one Assay Commission Medal in silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in the sum of $76,081.49 payable in 139,608.75 ounces of fine silver to be forwarded to you from the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau one each of the following presidential medals:

1. Washington.)
) In bronze.
2. John Adams.)

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
$2.00.

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

One of the special assay nickels from delivery No. 13 weighed 73.36, being .81 below the tolerance. I would thank you to have five hundred coins from this delivery passed over a scale set at 74.25 grains, in order to ascertain if there are more coins below the limit, and report the results to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

We have received a letter from the Minister of Costa Rica stating that he has directed $5000 in gold to be delivered to you to be coined into 5000 2-colone pieces, and you are hereby requested to go forward and prepare this coinage.

There appears, however, to be considerable confusion regarding the cost of this coinage, arising, as I believe, from the negotiations carried on recently for the coinage of the 1-colon piece. On March 7, 1914, you stated that you had the master dies for eight denominations of Costa Rican coinage, including the 2-colone pieces, and I assume that you still have the master die for this piece. In that letter you stated the cost of manufacturing 1,000 2-colone pieces at $12.79, but from this letter it is not clear whether this includes the cost of making the working dies for the reason that earlier in the letter you have stated the price for making eight pairs of dies to be $80, and in his letter to the Bureau the Costa Rican Minister has taken the figures from your letter of January 8th, 1915,

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as meaning that the present coinage of 5000 2-colone pieces will be $400. In order to put the matter straight I would, therefore, request that you furnish the Bureau with a detailed statement as to the cost of making the 5000 2-colone pieces.

Respectfully,

A. P. Davis

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I delivered Mr. Barber's designs for the San Francisco half-dollar to the Assistant Secretary immediately upon my return to Washington, and was in hopes to have a decision in the matter before this. As, however, the Secretary has not yet notified me of his decision I would suggest that you urge upon Mr. Barber that he proceed at once and as rapidly as possible with the design for the $1.00 gold piece.

Respectfully,

A. W. Atwood

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the enclosed three dollars will you please forward to the Bureau by ordinary mail three medals, namely:-

Presidential -
No. 1 Washington.

No. 3 Jefferson.

No. 7 Jackson.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, February 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would be pleased to have you furnish me with a statement showing the number of pieces struck from each obverse and reverse die, the number of pieces, by denominations, the number of dies used and the average number of pieces struck for the governments of San Salvador, Costa Rica, and Ecuador, during the calendar year 1914.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

A.H.H.

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February 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a small sample received from Mrs. Ellen Jones, Manchester, Kentucky, which I have advised her would be assayed at your institution at a charge of $3 dollars, to be paid to you in advance. Mrs. Jones has also been advised that the sample bears no evidence of containing gold and silver, and is too small to permit of a satisfactory assay being made.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There appears to be considerable variation in the prices that you have quoted from time to time on the manufacture of master dies. Just before Mr. Roberts went away you quoted the price of master dies for the Cuban coinage at $500 each with a proviso that should there be practical duplication of the designs on different dies there would be a reduction of 25%. Previous to that time you had quoted $350 for the master dies for Venezuelian coinage, and explained that this high cost was due in part to the necessity of procuring a specific kind of letter. Since then you have quoted $250 for master dies. It seems to me that we should adopt, as far as may be, a uniform price for master dies for foreign coinage, and it also seems to me that the price quoted for original Cuban dies was rather high. We have a further inquiry from them on the subject, and I would be glad to hear from you as to whether we should not reduce the price to them.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay coins from deliveries 18, 19, and 20 have been weighed with the following results:-

75.90	75.70	74.95
.95	.90	75.20
76.00	.95	.75
.10 (3)	76.00	.80
.25	.25 (2)	.95
.40	.30	76.20
.45 (2)	.35	.35
.50	.50	.40
.55	.75	.55
.70 (4)	.80	77.05
.75	77.00 (3)	.30
.85	.30	.40
77.25	.40	.45
.35	.60	.55 (2)
.55	.75	.60 (2)
.70 (2)	.80	.65
.80	78.00 (2)	.90
.90 (3)	.75	.95
78.05	79.30	78.00
.15		.05
		.10
		.15
		.55
		.75
		79.80

Respectfully,

R. D. Ewing

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

F. O. Denny,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant relative to Costa Rican coinage, I beg to say that the Minister of Costa Rica has been informed that the charge for this coinage would be at the rate of $20 per thousnad pieces for 5000 two-colones, or a total charge of $100, including the cost of the working dies.

Respectfully,

L. O. Davis

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 24, 25 and 26 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 24	No. 25	No. 26.
75.40 (2)	75.45	75.50
.95	.75	.85
76.15	.90	76.10
.35	76.10 (2)	.15
.45 (2)	.45	.20
.50	.55 (2)	.55 (2)
.55	.80	.75 (3)
.85 (2)	.95	.80
77.15	77.15 (2)	.85
.35 (2)	.35 (2)	.95
.55	.45	77.05
.60 (2)	.55	.20
.65	.60	.25
.75	.65 (2)	.35 (4)
.90	.70	.50
.95	.85	.55
78.15	78.15	.60
.35 (2)	.40	.65 (2)
.40		.80
.50 (2)		.85 (2)
		.95
		78.00
		.25 (2)
		.30
		.40
		.70
		.75

Respectfully,

A. D. Serrell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following transfers be made to your bullion fund:

From the Mint at San Francisco, on account of special assay coins ---$1,539.30
From the Mint at Denver, on account of special assay coins --- 213.20

Respectfully,

A. O. Denny

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of yesterday, answering the questions of Hon. Josiah Quincy: I would say that some confusion has crept into this matter owing to the use of the word "medal". What Mr. Quincy wants really corresponds to a coin. What he wants must be capable of being struck on a coining press at one blow, and he proposes to order them in lots of 10,000. Starting with the price of 2 cents for the planchets, which I take it includes the cost of the metal and all the work upon this point, what would you estimate as the added cost of striking a nickel medal, approximately 75% copper and 25% nickel, about the size of a dollar on a coining press on lots of 10,000.

With the same explanation what would be the added cost, above the 1½ cents for the planchets for the bronze. Again, with the same explanation, what would you estimate as the cost of making silver pieces, approaching the size of a dollar, but weighing 480 grains and 925 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

R. D. Levy,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Feb. 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please refer to Bureau's letter of the 2nd instant relative to bill for Selas apparatus, to which no reply has been received. Payment of the bill is being delayed pending receipt of your reply.

Respectfully,

F. C. Dean

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the U. S. Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, ten ounces of proof gold. Upon advice from you that the same is ready a transfer order will be requested.

Respectfully,

A. O. Stanley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your recommendation of the appointment of William J. Conboy, whose name has been certified by the Civil Service Commission, to the position of Fireman in the General Department, I have to request that a statement of the necessity for this appointment be forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 30, 31 and 32 have been weighed with the following results:

No. 30.	No. 31.	No. 32
75.50	75.50	75.65
.75	76.30 (2)	.90
76.30	.50	.95
.35 (2)	.55	76.30
.50	.65	.35
.55	.70	.45
.60	.85	.50 (2)
.65 (2)	77.05	.55
.70	.10 (2)	.60 (2)
.80	.15 (2)	.65
.85	.30 (2)	.75 (2)
.95	.35 (2)	.80
77.05	.40	.85 (2)
.30 (3)	.50	.90 (2)
.60	.55	77.00 (2)
.65	.70	.20
.70	.85	.25
.85	.90	.55 (2)
78.10	78.15	.65 (2)
.35	.30 (2)	78.00
.60		.10 (2)
.90		.30
		.70
		.75

One coin in delivery 30 was struck on one blanked die, and one showed a blister.

Respectfully,

J. E. Burns

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the following transfer to be made to your bullion fund:

From the Mint at San Francisco, $33,741 on account of the value of coins reserved for the Annual Assay Commission, and now in your custody.

From the Mint at Denver, $15,871.60 on account of the value of coins reserved for the Annual Assay Commission, and now in your custody.

Respectfully,

F. E. Leavy,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Feb. 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriation:

Selas Co., selas apparatus, Contingent, 1914 - - - $4,000.00
Penna. R. R. Co., linen tags from Washington
Dec. 4, 1914, contingent,-1915 - - - - - - - - - .53

Respectfully,

A. O. Dunn,

F Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 11, 12 and 13 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 11.	No. 12.	No. 13.
75.10	75.10	73.35 *
.25	.25	75.25
.35	.90 (2)	.40
.45	.95	.60
.50	76.50	.80
.85	.85	.85
76.00	.90	.90
.05	77.00	76.00
.20	.05	.20
.40	.15	.45 (2)
.50	.40	.50 (2)
.65	.45	.65 (4)
.70 (3)	.50	.80
.75	.55	.90
.95	.60	.95
77.05	.65 (2)	77.45
.10	.80	.55 (2)
.20 (2)	.90	.65
.30	78.05	.70 (2)
.35	.10	78.20
.40	.15 (2)	.25
.50 (2)	.20 (2)	.35
78.30	.25	.40
79.00 (2)	.65	.45
.10		.75
		.80
		79.00

One coin in delivery 13 was .81 grain below the legal limit.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Feb. 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In view of the Act of April 6, 1914, limiting the allowance for subsistence while traveling to $5.00 per day, and to the general uncertainty concerning the traveling expenses of the annual assay commissioners, the whole question is being submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury for his decision. In the meantime it will doubtless be best for you to withhold payment of reimbursement vouchers until we have something definite upon which to base action.

Respectfully,

J. B. Denny.

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant relative to the delivery of and payment for the Costa Rican Coinage, I beg to advise you that the Minister of Costa Rica at this capital has addressed a letter to the Bureau stating that the coins are to be delivered to Lionel Hagenaers & Co., 17 State Street, New York City, and that the statement of charges for the coinage is to be sent to him. I would suggest that you advise the above named Company, after payment is made by the Minister, that the coins are ready for delivery to him or his agent.

The address of the Minister of Costa Rica follows:-

Senor Don Roberto Brenes Mesen,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
1501 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dery.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am much obliged for the data given in your letter of the 19th instant regarding the proposed Quincy medals I have had a conference with Mr. Quincy's artist this morning, and in order to meet the views of the Secret Service I would thank you to state if you could strike on the coining press a silver medal of 480 grains, 925 fine and 1-3/4 inches in diameter, and if so to give the price of manufacture in 10,000 lots?

Respectfully,

A. B. Berry

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your office of the sum of $62,213.68, payable in 108,602.36 fine ounces of silver to be forwarded by the Assay Office at New York to your office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of a request, through the State Department, from the Minister of Salvador at this capital, for the execution of the following coinage at your Mint, for the Government of Salvador:

2,000,000 one cent pieces.
2,700,000 three cent pieces.

The Minister states that Bloom Brothers are the authorized agents of his Government, and as such they will act in connection with the coinage as they have done on previous occasions.

You are, therefore, authorized to proceed with negotiations for the execution of the coinage desired. The Bureau will advise Bloom Brothers of New York that you have been authorized to make the coinage desired.

It is understood by Bloom Brothers that the charges for this coinage will be as follows:-

	Per thousand pieces.
2,000,000 one-centavo pieces	$3.75
2,700,000 three-centavo pieces	4.45.

The agents have been advised that the above figures include the cost of the metal and the working dies.

Respectfully,

A. P. Dennis

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I wish to confirm the following telephone conversation just had with Mr. Barber and Mr. Morgan regarding the striking of the award medal for the San Francisco Exposition. This medal is to be 2-3/4 inches in diameter, and I understand that you have a press that can strike such a medal besides the large press which it is expected will be sent to the San Francisco Mint for striking the $50 gold pieces. I also understand that, in a general way, you will be able to strike about 1000 medals a week. I would be glad of any suggestion from you as to the best metal from which to strike these medals. It is estimated that about 30,000 will be required.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Complying with your request I am enclosing herewith the nickel from delivery No. 13, which is .81 grains below the legal limit.

Respectfully,

J. P. Tracy,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter addressed to you this day relative to coinage for the Salvador Government, in which you were authorized to proceed with the execution of 2,000,000 one-centavo pieces and 2,700,000 three-centavo pieces, I beg to say that the dies which were being prepared for the Commercial Bank of Spanish America may be completed and used upon the coinage requested by the Minister of Salvador. Until the representative of the Salvador Government at this capital replies to our inquiry relative to the coinage authorized by the Consul at New York, please do not do any more work toward filling the order received from the above named Bank. As soon as the Minister of Salvador is fully informed relative to the order placed by the Salvador Consul, and consents to the completion of the same, you will be advised.

It is understood that you were engaged upon the preparation of working dies, and not master dies, for the order of the Consul. However, please apply any work done upon Salvador coinage to date to the order of the Minister.

Respectfully,

F. E. Downey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1915.

Superintendent U. S? Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the letter from the Commercial Bank of Spanish America, together with the authority of the Consul at New York, requesting certain coinage for the Salvador Government, together with sample coins, forwarded by you on the 20th instant, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

A. C. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Treasurer of the United States to authorize the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to deliver to the Government of the Philippine Islands 66.93 fine ounces of silver of the value of $36.70 in exchange for a like amount of silver contained in Philippine coins reserved for test by the Annual Assay Commission, delivered to and now in your custody.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of standard gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays of each sample made, reporting the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the preparations necessary for the coinage of two million five cent nickel coins for the Government of Venezuela. A sample coin is enclosed. The State Department has been advised by this Department, in reply to an inquiry from the American Consul at La Guaira, that the coinage would be undertaken at your Mint upon the terms made in letter to the Consul of Venezuela at New York in March, 1914. A copy of the Bureau letter is herewith enclosed. The charges were based upon a coinage of one million five centimo pieces, and it is presumed that the same rates would apply to the coinage of two million pieces now requested. I would refer also to your letter of March 20, 1914, relative to this coinage, upon which the terms given to the Consul at New York were based.

You will be advised later as to the person responsible for the payment of this coinage, and to whom to deliver the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau at your early convenience if you could supply one hundred 1913 Buffalo nickel pieces which have not been in circulation.

Respectfully,

H. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Feb. 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith for payment certain vouchers for reimbursement of the expenses of members of the annual Assay Commission, they having been approved by the Assistant Secretary. In future such vouchers should not be paid until they have been so approved.

The Assistant Secretary declined to submit to the Comptroller the question of status of the Assay Commissioners, but directed that their vouchers for reimbursement of expenses should not be questioned except in the case of persons otherwise employed by the Government, who should be held to the requirements of the laws.

Please note the unapproved amounts in case of Mr. Fischer $1.25; Mr. Ashbrook $3.60.

Respectfully,

R. O. Tharp

F

Acting Director Of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Assay Office at Seattle payable in ten ounces of proof gold to be forwarded by you to the Assayer in Charge at Seattle.

Respectcully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample coins forwarded in your letter of the 26th instant. Please proceed with the execution of the coinage of Salvador one and three centavo pieces ordered by Bloom Brothers.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Feb. 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward meter readings and other detailed information to support Jan. voucher #364, water service July to Dec., 1914, $340.62.

Quotation of F. A. Mitchell, voucher #261, Dec., provides for 2% discount for payment within ten days; discount not taken, 32¢.

With reference to adjustment of price for coal purchased - it appears impossible to follow the plan described in the proposal form of the General Supply Committee because your contract does not follow the lines laid down therein. The contract does not carry any moisture guarantee and the B.t.u. guarantee is on coal as delivered instead of on dry coal.

Respectfully,

A. S. Burg.

Acting Director Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

A. J. Drexel

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the box containing the Report of the Annual Assay Commission.

I wish to express my appreciation of the promptness and perfect order in which this Report has reached the Bureau. The manuscript has already been forwarded to the Printer.

The transcript of the proceedings in the Record Book also shows the painstaking work and efficiency of Mrs. Virginia Carpenter to whom this duty was assigned.

Respectfully,

F. P. Denny.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Charles A. Conant stating that he would call at the Mint on the 2nd instant in relation to the Cuban coinage. He further states that "a contract has been signed between the Government of the Republic and the Banco Nacional de Cuba, in accordance with the monetary law, under which the bank agrees to purchase the bullion, make the necessary advances of money for the purpose, pay for the bullion, the coinage and other incidental charges, to receive re-imbursement after the delivery of the coin to the Government in Havana. The most frequent and direct relations of the Mint at Philadelphia in the matter, therefore, will be with the Banco Nacional de Cuba, whose representative in New York is Mr. J. T. Monohan, the regular manager of the New York branch of the bank at No. 1 Wall Street."

Under date of December 28, 1914, the Minister of Cuba at this Capital, through the State Department, was advised that the coinage desired would be executed at your Mint.

You are hereby authorized to proceed with this coinageat as early a date as practicable after the receipt of the silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be placed in good condition three Adjusters' Scales to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States for use in the Cash Room of the Department.

I have further to request that you advise the Bureau of what it would cost your institution to provide each of the scales with two sets of weights, i. e.: One set of "Standard Weights", and one set of "Least Current" weights.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter FNT of March 1st you are advised that bill for 30 Life Saving Medals, $916.95, was settled July 2, 1914, settlement number 39296.

The Bureau has no record of settlement of bill for Navy medals and bars, $83.05; will make inquiry in regard to same.

The Bureau has no record at all of the bronze life saving medal furnished the Interstate Commerce Commission, $10.09; was bill for same rendered through the Bureau?

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find reimbursement voucher in favor of Mr. Hugo C. Rothert, approved in the sum of $87.75. Mr. Rothert has been informed as to the reason for the disallowance of the difference between this amount and the amount claimed, $99.28.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst. concerning adjustment of price of coal under contract with Greensburg Coal and Coke Co. - it appears only equitable that the price should be adjusted in accordance with the terms of the written contract, on the basis of b.t.u. as received. As a result of failure to provide a moisture guarantee in the contract this is the only method of making price adjustment on account of moisture.

So far as the vouchers which have reached the Bureau are concerned, the contractor's claim of having lost approximately 10¢ per ton on the coal delivered is not substantiated. On July deliveries (vou. 58) the deduction was $0.205; on Aug. deliveries (vou. 158) $0.068 per ton; deductions on vouchers 187 and 232 have been repaid; no deduction was made on voucher #314.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith photograph of Mr. Barber's design for the Exposition half dollar. The design marked No. 1 appears to be satisfactory to the Secretary, but as yet has not been finally accepted. In regard to the design marked No. 2 the Secretary does not like the introduction of the dolphin in this manner. It is suggested, first, to leave it out altogether. If, however, you think that would leave too large a blank space on the coin I would thank you to sketch in some other detail for this space and submit the amended design for the approval of the Secretary. I would also thank you to submit an amended design with this space left blank.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The photograph forwarded by you of the design for the one dollar piece for the Exposition is now before the Secretary. In the meantime will you please instruct Mr. Barber to proceed with the sketch for the fifty dollar gold piece as rapidly as possible, giving no attention to the $2.50 for the present.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please render bills against the New York Assay Office for anode bags, sleeves, etc., furnished them in Sept. last; also against the Assistant Treasurer's at New York and Chicago for automatic weighing machine weights; also against the Internal Revenue Bureau for adjusting adjuster's scale for the Collector at Milwaukee.

Bills for services rendered others should be rendered as early as practicable and not be allowed to get so far behind.

Respectfully,

R. O. Denny

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find Auditor's letter of the 3d instant, with accompanying papers, relative to payment on contract with the Selas Co.

With the information requested by the Auditor please return all papers to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

F. D. Berry

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant relative to Cuban Coinage, I beg to say that the word "silver" was used in error by this Office, and should have been "bullion" as it is understood the order for the Cuban coinage includes gold, silver and nickel.

Respectfully,

R. D. Tracy,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I beg to say that the charges for weights to accompany the three adjusters' scales you are preparing for shipment to the Treasurer's Office are satisfactory to that Office, and you are requested to prepare a set of standard weights for gold or silver, and a set of least current weights for each scale.

Respectfully,

L. O. Davis,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your Minor Coinage Metal Fund be increased in the sum of $30,000 to enable you to pay for metal purchased.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved is sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - -	6,000
	$37,000

Respectfully,

A. D. Deary

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 8, 1915.

Sir:

I enclose 10 samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

L. P. Denny.

Acting Director of the Mint

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant relative to weights for the adjusters' scales being prepared for the office of the Treasurer of the United States, I beg to say that the Treasurer has advised the Bureau that he desires each scale to be accompanied by one set of standard weights for gold, and one set of least current weights for gold. No weights for silver coin are desired.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of February 6, 1915, I beg to say that as the design for the $50 gold piece has been accepted it will be necessary for you to prepare and ship to the Mint at San Francisco the large medal press. The machine should be sent through the Quartermaster's Department, and you are free to use your judgment as to the most desirable route. The Quartermaster will be requested by this Bureau to receive the Machine from you as soon as we are advised by you as to the most satisfactory plan to follow in its shipment. The cost of transporting this press will be borne by the Mint at San Francisco, and paid from the Contingent fund of that institution.

Respectfully,

A. P. Brown

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The State Department has advised the Bureau under date of March 6th that it is desired to obtain furhter information from the Venezuelan Government before proceeding further with the order for the coinage proposed. Please suspend all preparation for this coinage until further advised.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the Secretary of the Treasury has accepted the design submitted by Mr. Aitken for the $50 gold piece, and that of Mr. Keck for the $1.00 gold piece. Will you please request Mr. Barber to submit a design for the $2.50 gold piece as soon as possible.

Mr. Barber's altered designs for the $0.50 silver piece are before the Secretary, and you will be advised immediately when the Bureau is informed by him which are definitely accepted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 9, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 12 samples of standard silver and would thank you to have a single determination of silver made on each sample, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 10, 1915.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" Mint, Denver, Colorado
" Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, Mint Carson, Nevada.
" " Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.

Hon. Robert W. Woolley has this day taken oath as Director of the Mint.

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
Charge Treasury Department, Appropriation for
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

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March 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name the sum of $306,948.14 on account of the profits on the coinage of five cent nickel pieces, and to increase the Bullion fund of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1915.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 16 samples of fine gold representing two melts of certificate bars made from deposits of selby gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays of gold made on each sample, reporting the results to this office. They carry just a little silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the designs executed by Mr. Barber for the fifty cent piece for the Panama Exposition, approved by the Secretary.

Will you please instruct Mr. Barber to make the alterations suggested by the Secretary in pencil note, and submit a photograph of the altered design to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please increase the price for partings to fifty cents per fine ounce for silver on and after Saturday, March 13, 1915.

Respectfully,

R. W. Moxley

Director of the Mint.

OK

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March 13, 1915.

The Quartermaster, U. S. A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please receive from the Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, a medal press, when properly packed, to be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, on Government B/L.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Quartermaster has been requested to receive from you the medal press to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco from your Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose a Philadelphia special assay nickel from Delivery No. 38 which is .19 grain above the legal limit, weighing 80.35 grains, for your investigation and report. I would be glad to be informed of the results of your investigation of the coin .81 grain below the legal limit from delivery 13 which was sent you February 23rd.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1919.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver fifteen pairs one-cent dies at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant relative to Joseph F. Burr. Your action in suspending Mr. Burr is approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 36, 37, 38 have been weighed with the following results:-

36	37	38
75	75.8	75.4
.6	76.2 (3)	.7
.7	.4	.8
.9	.6	.9
76.	.8	76
.1 (2)	.9	.1 (2)
.2	77 (2)	.2 (2)
.3 (3)	.1 (3)	.3
.4 (2)	.3 (2)	.4
.5	.4 (4)	.7 (2)
.7	.8	.9 (2)
.8 (2)		77.1 (2)
.9		.2 (2)
77.1		.4 (2)
.3		.5
.4 (2)		.6 (2)
.6 (2)		.7
.9 (2)		78
78.		.3
.5		.5
		80.35

One coin in delivery 38 was .19 above the legal limit.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dreyer

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward an invoice covering one thousand dollars worth of proof gold and 25 ounces of proof silver for the Assay department of the San Francisco Mint. that transfer order may be requested.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose five samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, reporting the results to this office.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In making future shipments of unparted bullion the invoices should be accompanied by separate lists of the parting and refining and the alloy charges, for each bar shipped, in order that the receiving office may have correct information for use in the income and cost accounts - particularly the parting and refining charges on bullion placed in process in the refinery. The melting and bar charges pertain to your own operations.

Please send to the New York Assay Office such lists covering the bullion shipped them some weeks ago.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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March 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the execution of the following coinage for the Government of Salvador, this being the order placed by the Commercial Bank of Spanish America. Under date of March 17th the Secretary of State was informed, in response to a request from the Charge d'Affaires of Salvador at this capital, that authority would be given you for this work.

1,050,000 one centavo pieces.
1,650,000 three centavo pieces.

I have this day advised the Bank that you have been instructed to execute the coinage. Owing to the delay which has occurred in responding to the request of the Commercial Bank of Spanish America while awaiting the authority of the representative at this capital I would be glad to have you expedite this coinage as much as possible.

Respectfully,

F. M. Nagel

Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1915.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I think I have solved the Panama-Pacific coin problem. The model for the $50 gold piece designed by Mr. Robert Aitken of New York is only slightly over three diameters larger than the coin will be, and therefore, the master die can be made with a single reduction. I am this day notifying Mr. Aitken to deliver his model to you at once in order that the work of making the dies may proceed without further delay.

As soon as the corrected photograph of Mr. Barber's design for the $0.50 piece is received I will O.K it and return immediately in order that the work on the master die for it may begin forthwith.

Mr. Malburn, like myself, is enthusiastic over Mr. Barber's design for the $2.50 gold piece, and we believe that Secretary McAdoo will think as we do. Just as soon as it is possible to do so, which may be

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some day next week, I will have the photographs submitted to him, and provided he approves, will authorize you to go ahead with the manufacture of the dies. From my talk with Mr. Barber I gather that this arrangement will enable us to furnish the working dies to the San Francisco Mint at a much earlier date than would otherwise have been possible.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my conversation over the telephone this morning, I am enclosing an excerpt from a letter received from the Commercial Bank of Spanish America relative to the Salvador coinage. It is our understanding that the Bank desires to have the entire amount of the money available for the coinage of two denominations consumed in the execution of the one-centavo pieces only. At the rate of $3.75 per thousand pieces the sum of $5,640 would allow the coinage of 1,504,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant relative to the employment of additional temporary help I would say that I intend to visit your Mint some day during the coming week, when I would prefer to go over the situation with you in person. I trust it will be satisfactory to you to have the matter held in abeyance until then.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, March 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1914, with my approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Accounts to Washington Jan. 28, and plaster casts to Washington Feb. 5, 1915 - $0.75

Central R. R. Co. of N. J., Cupel furnaces to Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 18, 1915 - - - - - - - - 2.39

Respectfully.

F

Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of standard gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays of each sample made, reporting the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $1,013.98 payable in proof gold and silver to be sent by you to that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1915.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to return herewith, duly approved, the photograph of the corrected model for the reverse side of the Panama-Pacific fifty-cent piece. As I explained to you last Tuesday, the Secretary has approved the designs, and the request for a photograph of the model with corrections made was mine. I simply wanted to be sure, although I realized that Mr. Barber would not go ahead until the model was technically and artistically correct.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of fine gold representing two melts and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 23, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Will be at the Mint tomorrow to go over personnel.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

AL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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March 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Again referring to your January voucher #364, favor of the water department, you are requested to obtain and forward to support the voucher a detailed statement - meter readings at beginning and close of the period for which charge is made, number of gallons consumed, unit price, etc.. The meter readings forwarded with your letter of yesterday are incomplete and do not properly support the voucher.

Respectfully,

A. B. Deery

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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March 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the electrotypes of the Van Wert Medal, and thank you for the same. I would prefer not to make a charge for the same, and have forwarded the copies to the Commissioner of Pensions for transmission to the Secretary of the Van Wert Business Association.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

After careful consideration of the present state of the transfer settlement now in progress at your Mint I have concluded that it will be for the best interests of the Government, and the benefit of your institution, to have the following working hours prevail:

I have to request that you will require the cashier to be at the Mint each morning in time to have the vault opened and ready for the settlement employes to start work promptly at 9 o'clock. All of the men engaged upon the count are to be on duty from 9 a.m., until 4:15 p.m., with an intermission of three quarters of an hour, maximum time, at noon for lunch. Two intervals of ten minutes each are to be permitted during the day at a time best suited to the conditions of the work. The cashier will remain at the mint to close the vault after the men engaged upon the count have stopped work at 4:15.

It is expected that this change in the working hours of the men engaged in this transfer settlement will result in a decided increase in the amount counted each week, and I shall hope for such a result in the next weekly report forwarded to this Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of sealing machines from Chicago to your institution Jan. 23, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 77¢.

I have again to request that bills for services and supplies furnished by you, for which your appropriations are to be reimbursed, be promptly rendered. See Bureau's letter of the 5th instant.

Respectfully,

F. M. Nagel

Director of the Mint.

F

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March 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 25th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the American Gas Furnace Company to supply your Mint with the following furnaces:-

One No. 63 Lead Hardening ---------$100.00
One No. 6 Oil Tempering ---------- 110.00

Respectfully,

J. C. Dewey.
Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 27th transmitting assay results:- I would be glad to submit another set of samples of these two melts but, 4 of the samples were dips and it would be impracticable to get more samples of these at this time. I am, however, having new samples taken from the bars in melt No. 55 and will be glad to forward them to you later.

Respectfully,

R. Duty

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 12 samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

R. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 29th instant, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Electric Heating Apparatus Company, amounting to $65, to supply your Mint with a new and improved Electric Furnace.

Respectfully,

A. O. Denny,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the formal authority sent to you to-day for the purchase of a new electric furnace I would say that the exchange could not be affected; you would have to ask for bids and deposit the proceeds of the sale as a miscellaneous receipt, as you know. It is suggested that by retaining the machine you now have some parts of it may be of service in the future.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your accounts against the New York Assay Office, in sums $362.86; $558.55; and $625.87, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, the amounts to be credited to your appropriations as per notations on face of vouchers.

Respectfully.

F. Morley

F Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the coinage of 525,000 one centavo pieces for the Banco Salvadoreno, as requested by the Commercial Bank of Spanish America.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the expense of hauling and loading the hydraulic press, for shipment to San Francisco, I beg to say that the voucher should be sent to the Mint at San Francisco to be paid by that institution direct.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 1st instant you are hereby authorized to purchase the books enumerated from Lemcke and Buechner for the sum of $21.55, the balance of the publications desired by the Curator to be purchased from G. E. Stechert at a cost of $46.55, it being understood that the lowest quotation in each case has been accepted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the State Department relative to the coinage of two million five-centimo pieces for the Government of Venezuela. It is understood by this Bureau that the charges for this coinage are to be as follows:-

Making the coins, $3.00 per thousand pieces.
Cost of Master dies $350.00
Cost of Working Dies $8 per pair.

Cost of the metal will be in addition to the above items.

Cost of packing will be in addition, and depend upon the kind of containers used.

As indicated in the enclosed letter, the New York correspondent of the Bank of Venezuela will be instructed to receive the coins and make payment. This letter is authority for you to proceed with the execution of the two million five-centimo nickel pieces desired by the Venezuelan Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Authority is hereby granted Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt to sign the mail and official papers as Acting Superintendent during your temporary absence while Dr. Norris is away.

Respectfully,

F. M. Kelly

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photographs of the design for the $2.50 gold piece for the Panama Pacific Exposition. The designs are duly approved, and you are requested to direct the Engraver to proceed with the preparation of the dies as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully,

F. W. Worley

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 3, 1915.

Mr. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written this day to Mr. J. W. Sheetz, making him chairman of the settlement committee in place of Dr. Dewey whom I have this day relieved. Mr. Sheetz, as chairman of the committee, will be expected to co-operate with you in expediting the settlement as much as possible, and in sharing with you the responsibility of hastening the count and governing the employes engaged upon the work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of 750 silver and would thank you to have a single determination of silver made on each sample reporting the results to this office. I would also be glad to have the presence of traces of gold shown by any of the samples noted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 5, 1915.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau the following information:-

Amount of platinum ware on hand, in grams.

Approximate annual purchases of platinum, in grams.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

After careful consideration of your recommendation that five additional men be employed upon the count, I have concluded that it will not be expedient to bring this request to the attention of the Civil Service Commission in writing at this time.

In order to avoid the employment of a further number of men I have to request that all of those who were transferred from the count to work in other parts of the mint on account of foreign coinage be restored to the settlement work. The foreign coinage must not be allowed to interfere with the regular work of the Mint, and the time for the completion of such coinage should be extended in preference to delaying the count by transferring the force away from the work of the settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bill against the Interstate Commerce Commission for manufacture of medal for W. A. Holley has been settled by the Auditor for the State and other Departments - #9873 dated April 2, 1915; wages credit $9.13; contingent credit $0.96.

By settlement #2493 dated April 3, 1915, the Auditor for the Navy Department has credited your appropriations for West Indian medals and bars, bill of last October; wages $71.97; contingent $11.08.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

No report has yet been received from you regarding the two nickels returned to you, which were outside the legal tolerance in weight.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver twenty pairs of nickel coinage dies.

Respectfully,

W. Wolcott

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - -	6,000
	$37,000

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward a statement showing the life of the coinage dies used during the first quarter of this calendar year, giving the obverse in a separate column from the reverse, and including the dies used on foreign coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 7, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written this day to Mr. Sheetz as I desire that you shall be fully informed of the directions sent to him. I wish to take this occasion to express to you my appreciation of the earnest co-operation with which you are governing our mutual interests in the work of this settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 7, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I telephoned Mr. Barber to-day asking for a design and estimate of cost for a souvenir medal for the Pan-American Financial Conference to be held in Washington May 24th. I asked him to tell you of my calling, and to confer with you about the matter. Enclosed please find data on the Pan-American conference which will give you an idea of what the meeting is intended to accomplish. I hope to be in Philadelphia not later than Monday next when I will take the matter up with both of you in person.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 8, 1915.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 7th transmitting copy of yours of 3/23/15 regarding nickels outside the legal tolerance:- I would thank you to forward a copy of Mr. Hewitt's report on his tests of the hardness of the nickel alloy in various conditions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 8, 1915.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I will be in Philadelphia to-morrow at 3:55 and will appreciate it if you will meet me at the Pennsylvania station. Also, will you arrange for us to call on Hon. W. H. Berry, the Collector of the Port, to-morrow afternoon. There is a matter which I would like to take up with you and him. Also, I should like to discuss with you any matters pertaining to the Mint which are pressing, or which you apprehend may become pressing within the next sixty days, as I expect to leave on Monday or Tuesday for the Pacific Coast, to be gone at least a month.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, assay commission records from Washington Feb. 6, and plaster casts from Washington Feb. 3 - - - - - - - - - - - -	.68
Sealing machine to Chicago Jan. 11 - - -	.77
Adams Express Co., voltmeter to and from Newark in Feb. and March - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	.54

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following questions are submitted with a view to securing information upon which to base any action which may be considered advisable with respect to the cost and inventory systems. Please forward reply during the current month in order that, if possible, the entire matter may be put on a permanent basis by the first of next July.

Has use been made by the administrative office and by operative officers of the information provided by the present cost system, and if so, in what respects?

In what respect was the information provided by the former cost system used?

Express opinion, with detailed reasons, as to the comparative value of the information disclosed by the two systems.

Give detailed comparative statement of the amount of time actually necessary in the operation of the two systems, for a representative month (if known, actual time of each clerk, otherwise a fair estimate, exclusive of other work performed).

Submit any recommendations considered desirable with respect to costs and inventories, making them definite rather than general, and with a view to their being applied to the entire Mint Service. Include therewith explanation of the advantages to be derived, also estimate of the proposed saving in operating expense, particularly time of employees. In this connection please consider the question of accuracy as between cost accounts, cash accounts, stores and inventories, and the necessity of consolidating all data for the service as a whole.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose Treasurer's check for $36.44 as follows:-

727 nickels	$36.35	
9 cents	.09	$36.44

This, with the two nickels out of tolerance returned to you for examination, balances the special assay minor coin account for the first quarter of this calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Post Office Department for manufacture of 12 two-cent dies has been settled by C/D #3792 dated April 1, 1915, crediting your appropriations as follows:

Contingent Expenses, 1915 - - -	$ 9.19
Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - -	110.81
	$120.00

Respectfully,

F. D. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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April 10, 1915.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith authority for you to advertize for supplies which will be required by your institution during the fiscal year 1916.

Please do not plan to enter into formal contract for supplies which may be as economically and satisfactorily purchased during the year under competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is requested that steps be taken for bringing the cost system work up to date by the end of the current fiscal year. The latest cost report received from your institution is for the month of November, received March 17th last. As the work is now progressing the annual cost report will not be available by the time the Director's annual report must be in the hands of the printer.

It should be practical to complete the work for each month during the following month, and this is essential if the information obtained is to be of the most value to those directing the work. To accomplish this it may be necessary to give the cost clerk additional assistance during certain periods of each month.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 13, 1915.

Mr. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury is very anxious that the work on designs for the silver half and quarter dollar and dime, for coinage in 1916, be begun as soon as Mr. Barber conveniently can do so. Of course, the Panama medal, etc., have right of way. Will you please take this matter up with him and I will see you on my return from the Pacific coast.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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Washington,

tendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" San Francisco, Cal.
" Denver, Colorado
Assay Office, New York City.
r in Charge, Mint New Orleans, La.
" " Carson, Nev.
" Assay Office, Seattle, Washington,
" " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " Salt Lake City, Utah.

April 14, 1915.

Executive order requires flags on federal buildings to be flown mast tomorrow in memory of President Lincoln.

Acting Director.

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T DATED,
ASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 4122.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose fresh bar samples representing melt No. 55, the first samples of which were reported by you on March 27, and were unsatisfactory. I would be glad to have duplicate assays made on each sample, and the results reported to this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please have photographs taken of the two Chalmers shillings which are in the numismatic collection, and forward the same to the Bureau. I shall appreciate an early compliance with this request. Please send the account for the photographs to

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 14th instant you are hereby authorized to invite proposals by circular letter for proposals to furnish your Mint with the necessary rugs as outlined in your letter. Please forward synopsis of bids to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

L. D. Leury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On March 30th I sent you 12 samples of gold to be assayed. Not having heard anything from these I dropped a note to Mr. Eckfeldt about it. He now informs me that the letter arrived "but they tell me the samples have not been received". It is certain that the samples were enclosed when the letter left this office.

I would thank you to investigate this matter thoroughly and report the results to this Office, and especially I desire to be informed why you did not inform the Bureau that the samples were not received.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey,
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 16, 1915.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $36,036.41 on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coins during the month of March, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

A. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For your information and guidance I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Agent ot the Commercial Bank of Spanish America relative to Salvador coinage. If this order is not clear to you will you please communicate with the Bank directly.

Respectfully,

F. E. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Agency of

Commercial Bank of Spanish America Ltd.

20 Broad Street
New York

April 12, 1915.

Mr. R. W. Woolley,
Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You will remember we advised you that the Banco Salvadoreno of San Salvador, asked us to suspend the coinage of the 3¢ pieces and to go on only with the 1¢ pieces. We have now received instructions that the value of the 3¢ pieces namely $3,671.25 for which we have received payment, be employed in the coinage of 1¢ pieces. Therefore, will you be good enough to give instructions to the Mint at Philadelphia to exdcute a further

979,000 pieces which at the price quoted $3.75
per 1,000 equals ---------- $3,671.25

This morning we have received advice from the Philadelphia Mint that they have ready for delivery for account of the Banco Salvadoreno 525,000 one centavo pieces and we are at the present moment arranging with the Adams Express to take delivery of same.

Therefore, to make quite clear, the orders we have pending with you are as follows:-

For account of the Banco Salvadoreno

979,000 one centavo pieces at $3.75 per 1,000 $3,671.25
(This is in addition to the above 525,000 pieces)

For account of the Government of San Salvador

1,504,000 one centavo pieces at $3.75 per 1,000 5,640.00

We shall, of course, be very much obliged if you will do all that is possible to give this remaining part of our orders good despatch, as our friends are, of course, anxious to receive same, and which through no fault of yours or our own, we have been arranging for since early in January.

Respectfully

Commercial Bank of Spanish America, Ltd.,
R. C. Beausire Agent.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 17, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver thirty pairs of nickel coinage dies .

Respectfully,

J. O. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 16th transmitting life of die records: I would thank you to correct your inadvertence and forward a new statement arranged as requested in the Bureau letter of the 7th.

Respectfully,

F. S. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It was a most unfortunate piece of carelessness for you to overlook the omission of the samples from the Bureau letter of the 30th ultimo. If we had received prompt notice of this omission there might have been some possibility of locating the loss or theft, but now it is undoubtedly too late to accomplish anything.

It is not only the loss of the value, an ounce of gold, that is important, and which I think you should replace, but each one of these samples had already been assayed seven times. There was a discrepancy in the results which it was hoped might be cleared up by the Philadelphia assays.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to forward to the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as ready, the necessary dies for the execution of the coinage authorized for the Panama Pacific Exposition Company.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 17th instant you are hereby authorized to purchase from the Electric Heating Apparatus Company a Type 64 Furnace, including an extra top and side unit, at a cost of $105.00. This letter supersedes the authority granted on the 30th ultimo for the purchase of a No. 54 Furnace.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold for the New York Assay Office. As soon as received a transfer order will be requested.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for forms and record books dated the 19th instant I would thank you to advise me as to what particular kind of index you desire to be inserted in Form 864, Record of Coinage Dies.

On samples of Form 7 A and Form 415, notation is made to the effect that the present style of these forms is unsatisfactory. I would suggest that the Bureau be supplied with the reasons for the complaint to enable me to make the necessary corrections.

I enclose a sample of a new pen which may be an improvement upon those now in use, and which may be obtained upon requisition if found satisfactory.

Respectfully,

A. Deeney

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant I beg to say that you are at liberty to recommend the amount of penalty of surety bonds required of the employes of your institution.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding under separate cover twenty-five copies of form of proposal issued by the General Supply Committee for the purchase of coal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1915, to be used by you in inviting proposals. Attention is especially invited to page 4 "Price and Payment".

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample in bronze of the one-dollar Panama-Exposition gold piece. The coin has been inspected by the Assistant Secretary and is returned with his thanks and the thanks of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The copy of Mr. Hewitt's report requested on the 8th has not yet been received.

Respectfully,

F. J. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith approved sketch of design for the Pan-American Conference Medal, together with a copy of the letter of the Assistant Secretary.

Respectfully

L. A. Emery.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of Earl E. Schappell & Co., amounting to one dollar, for photographs sent by you to the Bureau of the Chalmer Shilling. May I trouble you to transmit the same.

Respectfully,

F. O. Heavey

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 12th regarding the non-receipt of 12 samples of bullion: It is noted that in all the cases cited by you the samples were received soon after the letters; the silver samples of 4/5/12 were reported by your assayer on 4/9/12. In the present case you said nothing for two weeks and allowed the Bureau to learn the facts in a round about way. It is not clear how the instances cited support such neglect.

Respectfully,

L. O. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau as soon as you have received Mr. Aitken's model of the fifty dollar gold piece in order that payment may be made to him. The Bureau will hold his account until informed by you of your satisfaction with the model or cast.

Respectfully,

F. D. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the telephone conversation this morning relative to the size of the conference medal, I beg to say that this Bureau has been advised by the Secretary's Office that there is no objection to increasing the size of the proposed medal. The Bureau has also been instructed to authorize you to procure cases for the medals. An effort is being made by the Secretary's Office to give you a minimum number of the medals that will be required, and it is hoped to arrive at a close estimate of the actual number some time before the medals will be needed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans has sold to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta two scales - one a 1000-oz. Troemner balance with weights, and the other a small Adjuster's scale. They are being shipped to your Mint to be put in order and re-shipped to the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta by you as soon as they are in condition. The Bank is to pay for the boxing and for the transportation. Will you please receive the balances, cause them to be put in order and returned as above. No charge is to be made for the work of putting the balances in order.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the order placed with the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., in accordance with your request of the 24th instant.

The representative of the Company in this city will place the order with your agent, and the latter will have the benefit of the sale.

Respectfully,

F. O. Sery

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Bureau of Mines for strip of gold furnished them in November last, $16.95, was settled by the Auditor for the Interior Department under date of Jan. 13, 1915, settlement number 37951.

By C/D 1833 dated Feb. 2, 1915, your appropriations were credited in the sum of $180.00 for 6 one-cent and 12 two-cent stamped envelope dies furnished the Post Office Department in December last.

Your accounts for automatic weighing machine weights furnished the Assistant Treasurers at New York and Chicago, and for adjuster's scale furnished the Collector of Internal Revenue at Milwaukee, have not yet been settled.

If bill has not been rendered for shipping press to the San Diego "Panama-California Exposition" please forward same to the Bureau at an early date. It is not considered advisable to keep this account open until the press is returned, which will be more than a year from the time it was sent.

Respectfully,

A. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the medals now in course of preparation for the delegates to the Pan American Conference to be held May 24, 1915, I beg to say that this Bureau has been advised by the Secretary's Office that a minimum of 160 will be required, and this number is likely to be increased. As soon as more definite information can be obtained you will be advised. The Secretary's office has been informed that, on account of ordering cases outside, the earliest practicable instructions would be appreciated by you.

Respectfully,

A. D. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be sent to the Bureau, by ordinary mail, one copy of Army Medal (list No. 17) Major General Jackson, for the enclosed $1.50. Scovill bronze.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at Denver thirty pairs of nickel coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

REGISTER

April 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose the petitions in the Court of claims of the follwoing employees of the Philadelphia Mint:

Patrick Costello, F. Carr, J. Welsh, E. Hornbeck and T. Grace.

I would thank you to forward to this Office the statements and papers requested by the Assistant Attorney General.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 30th ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Globe-Wernicke Company for supplying your Mint with one 2-drawer card cabinet, to be used in connection with the cost system, for the sum of $7.00.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the enclosed one dollar please send to the Bureau one Lincoln Presidential medal in Bronze.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Assay Office at New York of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold to be forwarded by you to that office.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your ordinary account current has been amended in the Bureau to carry the item of stamped envelope dies, the proceeds of which were covered into the Treasury Feb. 2, 1915, $180.00. Bureau's letter of April 27, 1915, advised you of the deposit.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dewey

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The copy of Mr. Hewitt's report requested on the 8th ultimo and again on the 22nd ultimo has not yet been received.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of a note from the Salvador Minister, through the State Department, requesting the coinage of 1,000,000 five-centavo pieces. The design is to be identical with that of the three-cent piece enclosed, and to be 75% copper and 25% nickel. The diameter of the coin is to be 23 milimeters, and the weight 5 grammes.

Will you please advise the Bureau of the cost of preparing the necessary dies, including the master die, the cost per 1000 pieces, including the cost of the metal, and the probable time of undertaking the execution of the coins.

Respectfully,

L. B. Fenny.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

REGISTER

May 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 55.3 grams of cornets and separated gold for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

F. C. Drum

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In acknowledging the receipt of the dies, etc., for the Panama-Pacific Exposition gold dollar, the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has advised the Bureau that he found one of the reverse dies badly cracked.

I am of the opinion, however, that the five pairs of perfect dies will be sufficient for the coinage of the $25,000 one dollar pieces authorized.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 4, 1915.

REGISTER

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 16.6 ounces of silver reduced from chloride and would thank you to forward an equivalent in granulated silver suitable for parting.

Respectfully,

L. O. Dewey,
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - -	23,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - -	9,000
	$37,000

Respectfully,

F. D. Leary

F Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of Assay Commission records to Washington Feb. 26, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 38¢.

Respectfully,

F. P. Leach

F Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the cases forwarded to your Mint on the 30th ultimo for report in compliance with the request of the Comptroller of the Treasury for transmission to the Court of Appeals, I beg to say that the letters written at the Mint under the following dates are on file in the Bureau, and copies need not be made:

June 24, 1909, nomination of Carr, Grace and Welsh.
June 29, 1909, enclosing oath of Carr, Hornbeck and Grace.
June 30, 1909, enclosing oath Welsh.
June 29th, 1909, Transfer of Grace to watchman.
July 3, 1909, letter to Mr. Preston re Welsh.
Dec. 15, 1909, transfer Grace to machinist.

In the Costello case we have the following:

1911:

May 6, 1911, reporting injury.
" 15, in re special examination.
Aug. 3, in re Costello's condition.
Sept. 20, enclosing receipt of premium on bond.
Dec. 14, req. report of physician.
" 15, voucher enclosed, $150 wages.

1912.

Feb. 5, re his condition.
May 3, Costello asks for work.
May 8, Form C.A.-15a.
June 6, rating should be "fair"
June 27 Rating Card.
July 1, " "
July 6, re rating.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant transmitting strip proof gold in exchange for the 55.3 grams of cornets and separated gold sent from the Bureau, and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 10, 1915.

Mr. George T. Morgan,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I am returning herewith the pictures of the Goethals medal and am much obliged for the use of them.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing granulated silver in exchange for the 16.6 ounces of silver forwarded from the Bureau, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

A. D. Denny.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There has been placed to your credit and to the credit of your appropriations, by C/D #4571 dated April 30, 1915, sums as below in payment for 12 2¢ Hutchins dies for the Post Office Department:

Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - -	$112.39
Contingent Expenses, 1915 - -	7.61
	$120.00

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your inquiry relative to the placing of names upon the medals being prepared for the delegates to the Pan American Financial Conference I beg to advise you that the Bureau has been informed that no names are to be placed upon the medals.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 14th instant you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Bell Telephone Company to allow you eight additional stations and 600 additional local calls for the same amount you are paying under the present contract, namely, $426.00 per annum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In acknowledging the receipt of your monthly statement of the deposits received at your institution I beg to request that in future the amount of uncurrent coin be eliminated from this report. It is desired that this statement shall manifest only the number and value of deposits received from patrons of the Mint, and not include any deposits made by the Treasurer's office. The amount of metal received for foreign coinage should also be omitted from this report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On statement of bronze list medals for the quarter ended March 31, 1915, the medals of Directors of the Mint are indicated as all having been sold, but nothing received therefor. Should they not have been entered in the column "Remaining unsold", with corresponding change in the column totals.

Please forward copy of letter of Chief Clerk Wilmeth dated Nov. 24, 1914, supporting the expenditure of medals sent to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Respectfully,

F. Morley

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Public voucher #400, Febry., evidences payment to M. D. & H. L. Smith Co. for 10,000 number one coin bags, $817.00; the three deliveries noted, 2000, 4,000 and 6,000, total 12,000; please advise me concerning the discrepancy.

Please state the capacity in which Herbert W. Kracker signs for George Kracker, voucher #410, Feb.

Voucher #430, Feb., favor Henry Chapman, is not supported by accepted proposal, as indicated on reverse; please forward same. This also applies to voucher #443, March, favor Union Mfg. Co.

Vouchers #446 and 513, March, favor Budd Grate & Foundry Co., do not carry indication of the grade of castings, therefore unit price cannot be verified; please inform me as to this.

Voucher #485, March, favor Jos. C. Paulus & Co., is incomplete in that no quantity is stated. The accepted proposal is for 4 pieces leather; please advise me if this was the quantity received, in order that the voucher may be completed.

Please state the capacity in which O. H. Grease represents Armour & Co., voucher #510, March.

It is requested that future vouchers for personal services, form #940, carry the official appropriation headings, viz.: Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia, 1915" and "Wages, Mint at Philadelphia, 1915". In the past they have been incompletely stated.

Your absence and efficiency report for the month of April apparently is in error in the case of Chas. M. Wills, who was granted sick leave for the first half of April but is carried on the report as absent without leave for 25½ days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

REGISTER

May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the lead impression of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition fifty-cent coin, and thank you for the same. Please acknowledge receipt of the impression.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the U. S. Coast Guard for six National Ensigns received by you April 27th last has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $37.68.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant stating that you had on hand a specimen of each of the two varieties of the special fifty dollar gold coin for the San Francisco Exposition. You are hereby authorized to retain to retain these two coins and place them in the Cabinet of your Mint. You are also authorized to strike and retain for placing in the Cabinet copies of the other special coins for the Panama Pacific Exposition before sending the dies to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

E WRITTEN

Washington,

May 19, 1915.

perintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Leaving here at eleven for Philadelphia.

Woolley

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

BUSINESS
MENT RATES
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 6180

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 19th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Strawbridge and Clothier to supply your Mint with four rugs for the sum of $377.00; payment to be made from your contingent appropriation, 1915.

Respectfully,

L. D. Tuey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing receipts for premiums upon the bonds of the following named employees:-

Theodore L. DeLand.
John J. Dougherty.
Eugene V. Wenger.
Charles R. Knowles.

The receipts have been forwarded to the Office of the Secretary for file in the Department.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, May 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please let me know what quantity of Platinum you recovered during the calendar year 1914, and, if possible, its source.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

B.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day requesting that 115 additional medals with cases be prepared for the Pan American Conference.

Please send the medals to the Bureau, charging express and rendering voucher to the Secretary of the Treasury. It will be appreciated if you will expedite the shipment of the medals as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of each of the letters received from the Spanish American Bank relative to Salvador Coinage, together with a copy of the reply made by the Bureau as to the cost of the coinage. Will you please advise me at your earliest convenience about the number and weight of containers, presuming that the same type of containers will be used for this coinage as was used in shipping coin of other denominations for the Salvador Governemnt. I would also thank you to include in your reply answers to the inquiries of the Bank relative to the gross weight of th shipment, and the cost of the containers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver thirty pairs of nickel coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1915.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant transmitting 79 medals and cases, and one empty case. The medals have been delivered to the Secretary's office, and the empty case used to enclose the medal sent to the President.

Confirming telephone conversation of this morning I beg to say that I will be glad to receive the additional medals and cases not later than Saturday next. Your efforts to expedite this shipment will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate assays of each sample made for silver, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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May 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of to-day requesting you to prepare 25 Pan American Conference medals and cases in addition to the 160 and 115 previously ordered.

It is desired to present the medals to the delegates at the banquet which is to be given them on Saturday evening. Please spare no effort to get the medals here in time, together with cases. I would respectfully suggest that if the one dealer who is now preparing the cases cannot get the order filled in time that you divide the order. I would further say that in case another color than the maroon leather used on those received should be more available for the completion of the order, there is no objection to its use; this, of course, on condition that the order for the cases can be expedited,-by using more than one color.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the New York Assay Office has on hand about $2,000,000 of gold bullion described by that office as "standard bullion", and a quantity of silver bars composed of Bolivian coin running in fineness from 840 to 890. The Bolivian coin has been placed by the New York Assay Office into 1000 ounce bars. It is desired to ship this bullion to your institution. If a transfer is requested upon the valuation placed upon the bullion in the New York Assay Office, there will be no gain or loss to either institution and the bullion will be taken up in your bullion accounts at the New York valuation. If the material is received by you as a re-deposit, a memorandum will be required from you before the transfer is requested on the books, and the gain or loss adjusted in accordance with your valuation.

I would thank you to advise this office as early as practicable if you would be willing to accept one or both of the metals referred to upon the New York valuation. As the settlement is to begin at the New York Office on the 10th instant it is desirable that the transfers be effected as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, May 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby requested to prepare, in duplicate, your report covering the operations of your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915 and to forward it to this Bureau as early as practicable after that date in order that I may be enabled to include the same in my report to the Secretary of the Treasury for 1915, on the date prescribed by law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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May 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please prepare and forward to the U. S. Assay Office, New York City the unrefined gold and silver bullion you now have on hand available for shipment to the Assay Office for refining. The transfer will be treated by the New York Assay Office as a re-deposit, and the Treasurer will be asked to issue a transfer order as soon as memorandum has been received from the New York Assay Office covering yout shipment. As the settlement of the New York Assay Office begins on June 10th I will thank you to expedite this shipment in order that the transfer may be made on the books before the close of the year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, and to the inquiries of the Secretary of the Navy in regard to a proposed medal for Expert Team Riflemen, I beg to request that the following additional information be supplied to the Bureau for transmission to the Navy Department:

The cost of making the necessary dies.

The possibility of modifying the design of the medal to render its manufacture more simple and less expensive.

The minimum thickness of the medal so that its cost will be reduced as much as possible.

Expression of opinion upon the following features:
Will it be simpler to make the rope border in lower relief, and will lower relief improve the medal?

Should not the arms of the anchor below the target be in lower relief, flush with, or in verl slight relief above the target?

Should not the fluxes of the anchor be in low relief and be flattened inward?

The Navy Department desires that the stock of the anchor above the target should be relatively larger that in the model, and lie more snugly upon the target.

Will you please submit a drawing embodying such modifications as you submit, and please comment upon the modifications noted in pencil on the blue print herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant advising of the shipment of 80 Pan American Medals. The box has been delivered by the Express Company to this Bureau and forwarded unopened to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Please direct that the B/L be vouchered to the Secretary of the Treasury. The two bills of lading received, covering the first and second shipment of medals, respectively, have been changed and charged to the Secretary of the Treasury, and forwarded to the Chief Clerk's Office for payment from the fund under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau immediately an account against the Secretary of the Treasury for the Pan-American Financial Conference Medals, together with the account for cases. It is desired to have these accounts adjusted as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith formal notices to Mr. Coleman and Mr. Ziegler of your Mint, relative to service as members of the Committee to make the settlement at the New York Office. In addition to sparing Mr. Coleman for this service I trust it will be agreeable for you to allow Mr. Ziegler to assist at the New York settlement. It is proposed to begin the settlement at New York on June 10th, and the officers of the Assay Office in that city are preparing to expedite the work as much as possible. It is my understanding that the members of your force who are detailed for the above settlement will be able to report for duty to you when your settlement begins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 6 samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate assays of each sample made for silver, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RHD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from A. Ansinck & Company, New York, who have been authorized to act as agents for the Salvador Government in securing the coinage of 1,000,000 five centavo pieces. This letter is authority for you to proceed with the execution of the coinage desired by A. Ansinck & Company under the terms agreed upon, namely:-

1,000,000 five-centavo pieces
at the rate of $4.65 per thousand pieces.

(This amount is understood to include the cost of metal, and working dies.)

Cost of Hub, $300.

The cost of packing is to be in addition to the above charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone message of this day requesting that six reverse Panama Pacific Exposition One dollar gold dies be forwarded as early as practicable to the U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 29, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

Please accept my thanks for the promptness with which you and Mr. Barber responded to the late call for additional medals for the delegates to the Pan-American Financial Conference. On behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury I wish to assure you of the appreciation of the Department for your interest and energy in the matter.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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June 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver thirty pairs of five cent nickel coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the unrefined bullion to be shipped from your Mint to the Assay Office at New York I beg to suggest that the sealed packages be inspected by the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of your Mint before the packages leave the Mint. This request is made for the reason that the Assay Office at New York will not be able to take up this shipment previous to the settlement at New York which begins on the 10th instant. As Mr. Coleman is to be chairman of the New York settlement committee it will be possible for him to take this bullion into account temporarily in the New York settlement, and that office will report to you the valuation immediately after the New York settlement is completed, in order that the loss or gain may be adjusted between the two offices before the close of the fiscal year. The bullion is to remain under seal as sent by you until inspected by Mr. Coleman in New York.

Respectfully,

F. Worley

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate assays of each sample made for silver, reporting the results to this office and returninh the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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May 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant relative to proof sets of Cuban coins, you are hereby authorized to comply with the request of Mr. M. I. Montoulieu, technical commissioner and representative of the Cuban Government, to execute the desired number of sets of proof coins, and to place on sale the coins and proof sets in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 3, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please forward to San Francisco five pairs Panama Pacific Exposition half dollar dies. Also hasten nickel dies for Denver.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
FINANCE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
the appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 9158.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 1st instant I am enclosing herewith transportation requests for Mr. Coleman and for Mr. Ziegler on account of assignment to duty at the Assay Office, New York, in connection with the settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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June 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter is authority for you to prepare and execute the following coinage for the Government of Salvador, to be delivered to the Commercial Bank of Spanish America, as agent of the Salvador Government:

500,000 five cent nickel pieces at the rate of $4.65 per thousand pieces ---$2,325.

(This rate to cover cost of metal)

The dies to be used are understood to be in course of preparation at your Mint, and are to be paid for, in accordance with previous correspondence, by Bloom Brothers of New York, who have also been designated as agents of the Salvador Government in securing the coinage of 1,000,000 pieces of the same denomination of coins, - five centavos.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Treasurer of the United States has referred to the Bureau your account, amounting to $18.28, covering the cost of weights for Adjusters' scales sent to the Department.

In order that the Bureau may be able to explain the difference to the Treasurer's Office, will you please review your letter of March 4, 1915, in which you stated that the "set of standard weights for gold or silver for these scales can be supplied for $1.75 and of least current weights for $2.50 for each scale." The Bureau will be glad to transmit your explanation to the Treasurer's Office.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau how soon we may expect to have returned, for transmission to the Office of the Secretary, the inquiries relative to the sufficiency of the bonds of the employes of your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of Adams Express Co. for transportation of plaster casts and bronze casting to Brooklyn and return April 27 and 29, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 70¢.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, June 4, 1915,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Melter and Refiner reports on his statement of balances for May (Form 219), the receipt of nickel clipping containing 468,428.60 ounces, while the Coiner on his statement for the same month (Form 220), claims to have delivered 468,418.60 ounces of nickel clipping, making a discrepancy of 10 ounces, which, probably, was an error in typewriting.

The statements are returned herewith for adjustment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

(Enclosure)

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please substitute the enclosed copy of New York's March cost report for the one forwarded several days ago, and destroy the copy previously forwarded.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 7, 1915.

Hon. Adam M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I have authorized Mr. John Flanagan, the bearer of this note, to turn over to you the model for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Award Medal. He is very much interested in seeing that a perfect reproduction is made. I beg that you introduce him to Mr. Barber with the request that he show him every possible courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1915.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barber:

Mr. Flanagan is deeply interested in seeing that a perfect reproduction of his model for the Panama Pacific International Exposition award medal is made and I have assured him that you would be glad to accord him every courtesy that is consistent with the rules and practices of the Mint.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	12,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - -	10,000
	$25,000

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the account rendered for weights to accompany scales sent to the Treasurer's Office with the request that you will cause the same to be revised to conform to the estimate given in your letter of March 4th. Your explanation of the difference in the charge is entirely clear and satisfactory to the Bureau, but as the Treasurer's Office estimated that the amount of encumbrance against the appropriation to be used should be based upon the estimate of March 4th, the Bureau does not feel free to insist upon the higher charge as rendered in the account herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th inst. forwarding, with others, bills against the Denver Mint for automatic weighing machine parts in sums of $435.38 and $41.24. It is probable that Denver's appropriation will be insufficient to reimburse yours for these items but this will be finally determined at a later date.

In this connection attention is invited to Bureau's letter of Sept. 26, 1913, and other letters of more recent dates, requesting prompt information as to the estimated cost of articles ordered for other Mint Service institutions, in order that encumbrances may be set up against the proper appropriations. According to our records no estimates were received for the above mentioned items; this also has been true with more or less frequency as to other items. Unless the probable cost of articles ordered is known and entered in the financial records they are liable to be overlooked when considering the amount remaining available to meet expenses, thus increasing the liability of creating deficiencies. This is particularly embarrasing at those institutions where the contingent expenses must be carefully watched in order to keep them within the amounts allowed by Congress.

Please take such steps as will insure such information reaching the Bureau promptly in future.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary preparations for the execution of one million five-centavo nickel pieces, for the Government of Salvador, to be delivered by you to Bloom Brothers, New York City. This order is in addition to the request for 1,000,000 five centavo nickel pieces to be delivered to A. Amsinck & Company, as agents for the Salvador Government, and that of 500,000 pieces to be delivered to The Commercial Bank of Spanish America as agents of the Salvador Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. for transportation of books and blanks from Washington April 23, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 80¢.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letters you are hereby authorized to purchase the following equipment, payment for which is to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1915:-

One Motor-driven Universal Milling Machine, Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co.,	$1,321.20
Linoleum for floor of Chief Clerk's Office and workroom, Lit Brothers,	127.65
Linoleum for Cashier's Office, Telephone Switchboard Room and Passenger Elevator. Lit Brothers	120.18
5 dozen transfer cases, No. 12, complete with arches. 1/2 doz. separate arches for above. 1 doz. Shannon arches, 3½". A. Pomerantz & Co.,	15.60

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 15, 1915.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I have looked up the correspondence relating to the position of "superintendent of machinery" at the Philadelphia Mint and find that it was definitely abolished by Director Roberts on the recommendation of Superintendent Landis, and that the salary of Mr. Hewitt, who had been practically discharging the duties of the office during the prolonged illness of Mr. Duckley, was advanced to $2,000 per annum with the distinct provision that he was to be the foreman in charge of this work. Furthermore, owing to the discontinuance of the refinery at Philadelphia, it was found that there was no longer need of maintaining a separate department of machinery with a high-proced man at its head.

What you now suggest, as I understand it, is to re-create this place for Mr. Peter E. Apgar, to allow the salary of Mr. Hewitt to remain as it is, and to create a vacancy in a $1500 place. I will hold this matter in abeyance until I come again to Philadelphia, which will be shortly after the annual settlement begins.

I find in the files letters written by Mr. Apgar to private parties indicating that he used his connection with the Philadelphia Mint to exploit his private business. This matter can also be taken up when I see you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Auditor for the Navy Department has credited your appropriations by settlements as below:

Settl.	#2655,	6/15/15,	for 1000 good conduct medals for Marine Corps - - - - - - -	$393.84
do.	2656	do	gold, silver and bronze medals for Marine Corps - - - -	310.39
do	2657	do	1000 good conduct medals for Navy Department - - - - -	372.65

The distribution to Wages and Contingent appropriations is in accord with the bills as rendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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June 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two fifty-cent pieces from delivery No. 2 of the Panama-Pacific Exposition coins. Will you please request Mr. Eckfeldt to make a test of the coins as to weight and fineness, and report the result to the Bureau to be wired by us to San Francisco. I am making this request because of the absence of Dr. Dewey in the west, and also in the absence of an assistant in the laboratory of the Bureau. As the coins have been delayed already, I will appreciate an early report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the full name of Mr. H. B. Keller. The information is requested for the section of surety bonds.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith by registered mail a copy of the Rostron Medal to be placed in the cabinet of the Mint. The medal is the gift of the artist who designed the medal, Mr. John Flanagan.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

To enable the Bureau to make reply to an inquiry received from the Consul General at Venezuela, will you please advise me of what progress has been made in the preparations for the execution of the coinage desired by the Venezuelan Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the John Underwood Company, amounting to $650.00, for supplying your Mint with an Underwood Standard Bookkeeping machine, with twenty inch carriage.

Referring to this purchase I beg to advise you that the experience of one of the Departments at Washington, which is a large user of labor-saving devices, has been that this machine you wish to purchase has not held up well under use. I would suggest that you require from the dealer a guarantee of reasonable durability for this costly machine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the date determined upon for commencing the settlement at your Mint is June 29th. I trust this will be satisfactory to you, and that every possible preparation will be made by you in anticipation, in order that the work of the settlement may be expedited.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The books of the Bureau carry an encumbrance against your 1914 Contingent appropriation of $5,500.00 on account of an order given the Selas Co.. Please advise me of the present status of this order and of the prospects of its being liquidated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to advise you that the Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Consul General of Salvador at New York, dated June 21, 1915, in which he states that the firm of A. Ansinck & Company will make payment for the master dies for the Salvador nickel coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

REGISTER

June 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter and check received from G. Amsinck and Company. The check, amounting to $300, is in payment for the Master Die for the Salvador coinage. Amsinck & Company have been advised of the transmission of the check to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date relative to dies for San Francisco. The Superintendent at San Francisco requests the following:-

"Please forward three round obverse fifty dollar dies; two octagonal obverse fifty dollar dies; five obverse and ten reverse gold dollar dies for Panama-Pacific Exposition coinage. Please advise when round obverse fifty dollar dies may be expected."

Referring to the last sentence of the above copy of telegram, will you please advise the Bureau upon receipt hereof of the date (approximately) upon which the Superintendent at San Francisco may expect the round obverse fifty-dollar dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington, June 24, 1915.

erintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
" Assay Office, New York, N.Y.
yer in Charge, Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " New Orleans, La.
" Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " Helena, Mont.
" " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " Salt Lake, Utah.

Pay for silver partings including today at forty-nine cents fine ounce.

Woolley

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8121.
2—(637)

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 24, 1915.

Sir:

Referring to the new Form of Daily Statement to the Treasurer of the United States, No. 5393, a supply of which was recently sent you with instructions to begin its use on the 1st of July, I beg to advise you that this form has been revoked, and you will continue to use the current forms of Daily Statements to the Treasurer of the United States, 5393 and 5393A, until further instructed by this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 24, 1915.

Sir:

My attention has been called to the fact that letters signed by government officials other than the Secretary of the Treasury, the Auditor for the Treasury and the Director of the Mint, and dealing with questions of policy or containing instructions as to the use of forms, have recently been received by Superintendents of Mints and Assayers in Charge of Assay Offices.

In future you will please refer all such letters to me, and be guided in no wise by their contents unless specifically directed by me. This is not to be construed as in any way relating to transfer orders received from the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 24, 1915.

Sir:

Upon inquiry it is learned that the advanced price of graphite goods will make it inadvisable to enter into contract or agreement with dealers for supplying our institutions for the entire fiscal year. You are, therefore, authorized to purchase such crucibles and graphite goods as are required by you from time to time by inviting competitive bids, by circular letter addressed to dealers, and without sending the bids to the Bureau for approval.

I would suggest that an estimate of your needs for a period of four months be the basis upon which bids shall be invited.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. for transportation of your bullion accounts to the Bureau in April last has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 49¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 23rd instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Sherritt & Stoer Co., Inc., amounting to $830.00, for supplying your institution with one Hendey-Norton Engine Lathe; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for two typewriters, will you please advise the Bureau by return mail of the serial number of each of the machines of which you wish to dispose. The orders will be placed through the Washington Office on Monday morning if the above information reaches us. The agentsin Philadelphia will receive the benefit of the sales.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, June 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return to you herewith enclosed Certificate of Gold deposit No. 2810, for correction.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

B.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Porter Safety Seal Company to furnish your Mint with 100 coin kegs fitted with their patent heads, at the rate of $3.38 each, delivered to the Mint; payment to be made from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, 1915".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, June 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1915, with my approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

B.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Porter Safety Seal Company to furnish your Mint with 100 coin kegs at the rate of $4.13 each; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1915.

This authority supersedes the authority sent you on the 26th instant for the purchase of kegs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 26th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Company, amounting to $850.00, for supplying your Mint with a sheet metal scraper; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1915.

You are also authorized to accept theproposal of the Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Company, amounting to $960.00 for supplying your Mint with one 5-roll Straightener; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

LBE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 29, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to purchase fifty thousand number four Porter Safety Seals.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 30, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to purchase from Fuel Economy Engineering Co eight automatic feed regulators, including two one inch Pump Governors.

Wm. Malloy

Director.

Cont. Ex? Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
Guard Treasury Department, Appropriation for.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 30, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to accept bid United Metals Selling Company on fifty thousand pounds ~~copper~~ alloy copper at twenty and one quarter cents.

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 30, 1915.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I shall be in Philadelphia to-morrow afternoon and will take up with you several matrers of importance.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo I beg to say that the usual half holiday on Saturdays during July, August and September will be allowed, and your recommendation of the hours to be observed is approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has particularly requested that I will submit to him my report on the operations of the Mint service by August 1st. I, therefore, urge that you will please prepare and forward to this Bureau at the earliest practicable moment, preferably, by July 15th, your report covering the operations of your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of contracts entered into covering supllies for the fiscal year 1916. The contracts have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for file. (19 contracts)

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant enclosing a copy of an erroneously printed envelope, and have to request that you will allow them to remain at the Mint until the Division of Printing and Stationery obtains a statement from the contractor. You will be advised as soon as possible as to the disposition to be made of the envelopes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the promotion, or increase in compensation of John J. Dee, Carpenter, and Lewis Duerr, Painter, I beg to say that the U. S. Civil Service Commission has been requested to allow the increases proposed upon the ground that the men are being placed upon an equal footing with those doing similar work. You will be advised, previous to the time for paying the wages of the two employes for the first half of July, as to whether the promotions have been agreed to or not.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be placed to your credit for July expenses from the current fiscal year's appropriations, and from the Contingent appropriation for 1915:-

Salaries	1916	$9,000.00
Wages	1916	38,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1916	2,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1915	7,000.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared the following proof metal for the institutions named, and advise the Bureau when the same is ready that transfer orders may be requested:-

Mint at San Francisco, 50 ounces proof gold.

Mint at Denver, 75 ounces proof gold and
50 ounces proof silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 8, 1916.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
Assay Office New York, N.Y.
Officer in Charge, Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.
" Mint, New Orleans, La.
" Carson, Nevada.

Pay for silver partings at forty-eight cents from and including today.

Director.

ORIGINATOR.
SECRET SERVICE,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION 208.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing letter received from Parmelee & Company relative to coinage for Honduras.

Parmelee & Company have been advised of the terms at which this coinage could be executed, and further advised that the coinage would be undertaken when the formal request reaches the Department through our State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Government of Honduras at this capital.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 9, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

How about a report from Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Wirth on the platinum matter? I would like to have it before I come again to Philadelphia.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver twenty pairs of twenty-five cent dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, July 10, 1915.

Sent to all Institutions

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the new form of Daily Statement to be rendered by you to the Treasurer of the United States. With the items lined out as indicated it is hoped that the form will prove practicable. Please advise me by return mail if, in your opinion, the statement should be further altered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to order one copy of the July 1915, and January 1916 editions of the Rand-McNally Bankers' Directory and List of Attorneys as soon as they are ready for delivery, direct from the publishers at the subscription price of $10.00, one half of the price to be paid upon delivery of the july edition and the balance when the January edition is delivered.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following transfers be made from the bullion fund of your institution:-

To the Mint at San Francisco, $1,033.59 payable in fifty ounces of proof gold.

To the Mint at Denver, $1,061.38 payable in 50 ounces of proof gold, $1,033.59 and 50 ounces of proof silver, $27.79.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant relative to the treatment of platinum. I will be glad to renew our conference upon the subject when next I am in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I take pleasure in advising you that the U. S. Civil Service Commission has consented to the promotion of John J. Dee, carpenter, with compensation at $3.75 per diem, and the promotion of Louis Duerr, Painter, with compensation at $3.75 per diem, in accordance with Department letter of July 1, 1915; increase in compensation effective from July 1st.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two $50 gold coins with the request that the same be transmitted to the Assayer for test and report to the Bureau.

The receipt is acknowledged of the report upon the $1 pieces forwarded on the 15th instant, together with remaining gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause invoice to be prepared covering one hundred ounces of proof silver for the U. S. Assay Office at New York, advising the Bureau that transfer order may be requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant relative to the proposed coinage of dimes, I beg to say that I deem it expedient, upon further consideration, to have you prepare to coin about $750,000 in dimes. I note that you have sufficient silver to coin at least $500,000, and assume that your present stock of silver on hand will permit of the coinage of the additional amount to bring the output to $750,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 20th instant you are authorized to order from the Waterbury Farrel Foundry and Machine Company a chain drive to be attached to the Straightening Machine, the purchase of which has already been authorized, for an additional expenditure of $30.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the Mint at New Orleans $100 worth of proof gold, advising the Bureau when the same is ready, that transfer order may be requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two one-dollar gold pieces of the P. P. I. E. coins, with the request that they be transmitted to the assayer of your Mint for test and report.

The receipt is acknowledged of the remains of the two $50 gold pieces, with equivalent of gold used in making the assays, for which I thank you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 22, 1915.

Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of an inquiry over the telephone from the Navy Department, asking when the medals referred to in your letter of June 18, 1914, may be expected. Will you kindly advise the Bureau that reply may be made to the Navy Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

Referring to your letter of July 22nd relating to the proposed promotion of Mr. Peter Appar, I beg to say that I do not deem it necessary to recommend the revival of the post of Superintendent of Machinery at Philadelphia.

If, after investigation, aided by the data which I left with you, you find that Mr. Appar has not been practicing outside business in a manner contrary to the rules and regulations of the Mint service, and you reccommend a reasonable increase in compensation, I shall be glad to entertain it.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 27, 1915.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the heads of all Bureaus and offices in his Department to prepare and submit the annual estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, not later than August 20, 1915. In order that this Bureau may meet this requirement you are requested to immediately prepare your estimates and to forward them in time to reach the Mint Bureau <u>not later than August 10, 1916.</u>

Please refer to instructions from this Bureau under date of July 21, 1914, as to the additional information required covering comparative appropriations, fiscal years, in this instance, 1917 and 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, July 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would be pleased to have you forward to this Bureau two copies each of photographs showing the obverse and reverse sides of the coins struck for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, for use in my Report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:

Adams Express Co., lathe parts to Torrington for repair, May 28, 1915 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $0.34

Penna. R. R. Co., envelopes from Rockville May 7; stationery from Washington April 26; tags from Wash. May 12 and 14 - - - - - - - - 3.88

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further advised please discontinue sending one-cent bronze and five-cent nickel pieces to the Bureau for examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following transfer be made from your Bullion Fund:-

To the Assay Office at New York, $55.58 payable in 100 ounces proof silver.

To the Mint at New Orleans, $100, payable in proof gold. (4.836 ozs.)

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the proposal to lend a coining press to the Western Pennsylvania Exposition Company of Pittsburgh, about which I spoke to you, will you give me the necessary information to make reply to the following inquiries from Mr. Shelby Clarke, the Washington representative of the Exposition Company:

What would be the cost of furnishing 5,000 bronze blanks, the size of our fifty-cent silver piece, to be used in the coining press in striking a medal? (The number stated is approximate; more may be asked for.)

Would any extra or special parts have to be provided to be used on the press, for which Mr. Clarke should be charged?

What would be the cost of preparing and boxing the press for shipment, and for unpacking and replacing the same when it is returned?

Will it be practicable for you to spare a man to go to Pittsburgh to operate the press, and what compensation per diem would be required. (Mr. Downing, on account of his experience with other expositions, has been spoken of in connection with a detail to the Pittsburgh Exposition.) ?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your recommendation of the 27th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of G. E. Stechert & Co., for supplying the periodicals named for use of the Curator:

Revue Numismatique (French)	$5.00
Revista Italiana di Numismatica (Italian)	5.00
Numismatic Chronicle (English)	5.00
International Journal (Greek)	4.25
Zeitschrift fur Numismatik (German)	3.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of standard gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, reporting the result to this office, and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 29, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

It has occurred to me that you might be interested in the enclosed copies of correspondence between Mr. Harry D. Wescott of Philadelphia, and myself. Also, it has occurred to me that possibly xxxxxxxx Mr. Apgar might be interested in the enclosed copy of an excerpt from the Civil Service Regulations.

Please return to me the memoranda concerning Mr. Apgar which I left with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to an inquiry from this Bureau the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco states that he will probably be able to ship the medal press back to you on August tenth.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate assays of each sample made in silver, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

July 31, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have not as yet received the Coiner's Settlement Form 201 covering the operations of his Department for the fiscal year 1915.

This statement should contain all the information called for as printed on the form, which was not furnished on the statement accompanying the report of the settlement committee.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

AAH.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau one copy of the Annual Assay Commission Medal, to be given to Honorable John S. Williams, Comptroller of the Currency.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco twenty pairs of Philippine one-centavo dies.

Respectfully,

A. P. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing two copies each of photographs showing the obverse and reverse sides of the coins struck for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Please accept my thanks for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Bureau of Standards for silver discs and rods, $55.50, has been settled as rendered, per certificate #10331 dated July 23, 1915, by the Auditor for the State and other Departments; likewise your account against the State Department for 50 gold life saving medals, $1,113.21, by certificate #3916 dated July 28, 1915.

Respectfully,

A B Berry

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

I enclose four samples of standard gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, reporting the result to this office, and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to telephone conversation to-day I beg to request that you will cause to be forwarded to the Bureau, for delivery to the representative of the Western Pennsylvania Exposition Society, one pair of blank dies, not hardened, and ready for engraving, (to be used on the coining press which it is proposed to borrow from the Mint,) and one collar for the same. The medal it is proposed to issue is to be the size of our fifty cent piece. Please render the account for the above to Mr. Shelby Clarke, 1327 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mr. Clarke understands that the dies are to be two dollars each, and the collar one and one half dollars.

Respectfully,

F P Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose four samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1914:

Selas Co., type Z apparatus, gas mixer - - - $5,500
Navy Department, Maine memorial tablet - - - 4.80

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, August 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 5th instant, relative to Form 415 Mutilated Coin Checks, I have to state that the attention of the Division of Printing and Stationery has been called to the matter. The checks will be forwarded to you promptly upon their delivery at this Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries, 1916		$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen, 1916		25,000
Contingent Expenses, 1916		6,000
do	1915	3,000
		$40,000

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, August 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return to you enclosed herewith your table of Minor Coinage, Issued, Melted, Ets., in which there is a probable error by transposition of figures in the one-cent bronze and five-cent nickel pieces. Either the amount of coin melted or the amount outstanding has, apparently, been incorrectly reported.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 9th instant you are hereby authorized to dispose of five copies of the Catalogue of Coins Tokens and Medals in reciprocation of favors from museums and other Governments; also twenty-five copies of the Guide Book.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the B/L covering shipment of dies for Mr. Shelby Clarke. The dies have been forwarded to Mr. Clarke, and the Express Company has been requested to collect from him the amount of the express charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward bills against the San Francisco Mint for the six foot balance and upsetting machine ordered May 20, 1914, for use at the exposition; also for the single arm shear ordered June 9, 1914. These machines are to be retained by the San Francisco Mint at the close of the exposition and it is desired to clear the appropriation accounts of the items. The order of May 20th did not state that your appropriations would be reimbursed for the balance and upsetting machine but such was the understanding of the San Francisco Mint with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be decreased by a transfer to the Bullion fun d of the Mint at Denver of $516.60, payable in 25 ounces of proof coin to be shipped by you to the Denver Mint in completion of the order of July 6, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your ordinary account current for the quarter ended June 30, 1915, has been amended by addition of charges received from the Post Office Department for 12 2¢ Huckins dies, C/D #4571 dated April 30, 1915, $120, of which you were notified by Bureau's letter dated May 10, 1915.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten obverse half dollar dies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 11, 1915.

The Director
of the Mint.

Sir:

Special assay cents from delivery No. 3, Philadelphia have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 3.	
46.65	
.8	
.85	
.9	
.95	
47.05	
.2	
.35	
.6	
.65	(2)
.7	
.75	(2)
.85	(2)
48.00	(2)
.05	
.2	(3)
.3	(2)
.4	(2)
.55	
.75	
49.25	

Some of these coins are badly discolored.

Respectfully,

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for his information.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose four samples of standard gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, reporting the result to this office, and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant I beg to advise you that the representative of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition has instructed the Bureau that 15,000 bronze medals will be required for awards.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Penna. R. R. Co., for transportation of envelopes from Richmond May 25, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum of 77¢.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On May 12th last, a supply of revised Form 193 was mailed to your mint with the request that they be used.

As the old style form is still in use at your mint, I wish to inquire if the forms above referred to have been received and if so, I would prefer that they be used from now on. I also desire that the average cost shall be inserted each month, whether of silver or minor coinage metals, in the space designated for that purpose. Please have all of the old style form 193 destroyed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you by express 4½ lbs. of bullion representing the special assay coins received at this Bureau for the six months ending June 30, 1915, and would thank you to state the value of the shipment so that it may be properly divided between the Mint at San Francisco and the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering fifty ounces of proof silver to be forwarded to the Mint at Carson.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering 25 ounces of proof silver for the use of the Assay Office at Deadwood.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 17, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

It gives me pleasure to forward herewith the formal letter of authority for you to visit the Mint at Denver officially.

I have written the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver that you would visit him on or about the 1st of October, and I can confidently promise you that you will receive from the officials of the Denver Mint every possible courtesy.

May I take the liberty of suggesting that you call at the Mint while in San Francisco, for there, too, a cordial greeting will be given to you.

I trust your trip will be successful in every way, and that the vacation part of it will be of great benefit to you.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 18, 1915.

tendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" San Francisco, Cal.
" Denver, Colo.
Assay Office, New York, N.Y.
in Charge, Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " Deadwood, S.D.
" " " Helena, Mont.
" " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " Salt Lake, Utah.
" Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " Carson, Nevada.

From and including today pay for silver partings at forty-seven cents

ounce.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916.

BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
ARCS TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith certified check for $242.60 covering the proposal of the Greensburg Coal & Coke Company to supply coal to your institution during the fiscal year 1916. Please return the same to the Company, their contract having been duly entered into.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

R. D. Tracy

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy and printer's proof of Forms 1015, 1016 and 1017 for examination and answer to queries asked by the printer.

Please return promptly to this Bureau the six copies enclosed.

Respectfully,

H. D. Terry

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please accept from the American Smelting & Refining Company 500,000 ounces of fine silver purchased this day, and pay for the same at the rate of $0.47875 for 250,000 ounces, and $0.48 for 250,000 ounces.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If you have acknowledgment of receipt by the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint of machinery forwarded for use at the exposition and later use at the Mint please forward same to support vouchers accompanying your letter of August 20th; also forward copies of the letters of authority for sending the machinery to San Francisco.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dern,

F

Acting Director Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, with notation of the presence of gold in any of the samples, reporting theresults and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

L. O. Denny

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the check of the Treasurer of the United States, amounting to $8.34, the value of minor coins sent to this Bureau for inspection and test.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Assay office at Deadwood of the sum of $13.88, payable in proof silver to be sent by you to that office, and a transfer to the Mint at Carson of the sum of $27.77 payable in proof silver to be sent to the Carson Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As the amounts due San Francisco and Denver are $963.80 and $3.50 respectively, it appears that the coin material shipped you on the 17th is short $3.73, which may be made up from the credit of $4.97 which the Bureau has on this account, and still have a balance of $1.24 to the credit of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, with notation of the presence of gold in any of the samples, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the proof of form 1017 for further revision. The Chief of the Printing Division requests that the width be made to conform to the standard size, viz: 17 inches.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the offer of the American Smelting and Refining Company has this day been accepted to supply your Mint with 250,000 ounces of silver delivered to your Institution at $0.47625, and 250,000 ounces of silver at the rate of $0.47750 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

A. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant in regard to Form 1017, I notice that the width of said Form as amended is stated as 18 inches, while it actually measures 18-3/8 inches. Please state the exact width desired.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Denver Mint for automatic weighing machine parts, forwarded with your letter of June 5, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notations on face of voucher with the exception that the item $39.25, Wages of Workmen, has been changed to $38.25 to bring the segregated charges into conformity with the total. The amount of the voucher is $476.62.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 31, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the purpose of having the same incorporated in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, will you please ask Mr. Barber to prepare a brief description of the Panama-Pacific Exposition coins, including an interpretation of the emblems and devices used. I will appreciate your early attention to this request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 31, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering two hundred dollars worth of proof gold to be forwarded to the Assay Office at Seattle.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

August 31, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver fifteen obverse and five reverse quarter dollar dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Night message.

Washington,

August 31, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward to Shelby Clarke, Pittsburgh, Pa., set presidential medals to be included in mint exhibit lent to Western Pennsylvania Exposition.

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Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

BUSINESS.
NMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the shipment of minor coin by post to the Treasurer of the United States. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, and as soon as reply is received you will be advised.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorixed to accept from the American Smelting and Refining Company 250,000 ounces of silver at the rate of $0.48875, and 250,000 ounces at the rate of $0.49 per fine ounce. The above purchases were made this day.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the War Department for ribbon received at that institution July 16, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1916 contingent appropriation in the sum of $23.20.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silter made on each sample, with notation of the presence of gold in any of the samples, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Sept. 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - -	5,000
	$36,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau a statement showing the denominations and value of the foreign gold coin received at your office from July 1st, 1915, to August 30, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please prepare and forward to the Mint at Denver two dozen pairs of quarter dollar dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Please expedite)

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

From and including Tuesday, September 14, 1915, please pay for silver partings at the rate of $0.49 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my talk of September 10th with Mr. Barber concerning the Panama-Pacific International Exposition medals, I beg to say that all of these medals are to be struck in bronze, and that the Exposition authorities will attend to the plating in silver or gold, as the case may be. Please notify me if any further instructions are required.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Sept. 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Information respecting your disbursing accounts is requested as below:

May - Vou. #657 favor N. Snellenburg & Co.; capacity in which Joseph N. Snellenburg signs for the firm.

Vou. #669 and 680 favor A. M. Joyce for reimbursement of traveling expenses; please forward hotel bill for support of each voucher, these being required by the accounting officers. The subsistence expenses for April 20 and May 7 exceed the $5.00 limit by 45¢ and 15¢ respectively and these amounts should be reimbursed to the Government. Travel day runs from dawn to dawn (see travel regulations).

June - Voucher #746 favor Strawbridge & Clothier; quotation on rugs (first four items) does not accompany voucher.

Vou. #767 favor Shoemaker & Busch; first item, roach powder, not supported by quotation.

July - Vou. #809 favor Porter Safety Seal Co.; seals delivered in July, payment being made from 1915 appropriation; no evidence that order was placed in June or prior.

Vou. #818 favor C. O. Sander Instrument Co.; not supported by dealers quotation; letter accompanying voucher enclosed herewith.

Vou. #4, wages of Stephen Frisby; certificate of disability forwarded herewith for approval of Superintendent and return to the Bureau.

In noting the appropriation chargeable on future individual vouchers for wages and salaries please include as a part thereof the appropriation year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from the American Smelting and Refining Company 250,000 fine ounces of silver at the rate of $0.49½ per ounce, and 250,000 fine ounces at $0.49-5/8 per fine ounce. Please also accept 100,000 ounces of fine silver from Zimmermann and Forshay and pay for the same at the rate of $0.4945 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 9th transmitting assay results:- You returned only 10.45 grams of silver while you made 20 assays.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 14, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from the American Smelting and Refining Company 250,000 ounces of fine silver at the rate of $0.48875 and 250,000 ounces at $0.49 cents, purchased this day for delivery to your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please have prepared and forwarded at the close of business September 17th a statement of the denominations and value of foreign coin received at your institution from July 1, 1915, to September 17th inclusive. I am very desirous of receiving this information not later than Saturday morning.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 16, 1915.

Dear Dr. Norris:

Please confirm in writing the interview we had concerning new coinage. I made no notation of the amounts ordered of the several denominations. The usual written authority will be sent you by return mail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. A. A. Norris,
Chief Clerk U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 16, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I take pleasure in introducing Miss Scudder of New York who has under consideration the execution of a commission for the Department of State.

Miss Scudder desires to inspect the numismatic collection of the Mint and I shall appreciate your courtesy in providing her with the opportunity to do so under the most favorable circumstances possible.

Respectfully,

F. W. Moses

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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September 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following amounts be deposited in the Treasury on account of the profits on coinage:-

Subsidiary profits ---------- and increase in like amount of your bullion fund.	$4,334.40
Minor coin profits ---------- and increase of minor coin account in like amount.	7,000.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until otherwise instructed will you please return to the practice of shipping money by Express instead of Mail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to deliver to Mr. Charles E. Rowe, on account of the General Electric Company, one thousand (1,000) one cent bronze coin blanks, to be used for experimental purposes, and returned to the U. S. Mint after the proposed treatment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to request that you cause to be prepared and shipped to the U. S. Assay Office, New York, the earthenware tanks and hard rubber rods which you have on hand and not in use.

A copy of the letter received from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, requesting that the above articles be shipped to him, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming our conversation over the telephone I beg to say that it is the desire of the Department that you continue to ship coin on Treasurer's orders by parcel post, insured; payment of insurance to be continued as before, but postage discontinued. The shipments of coin are to go out to the Sub-Treasuries under frank.

The following telegram has this day been sent by Third Assistant Postmaster General to the Postmaster in Philadelphia:-

"Treasury Department advises you are collecting postage on official shipments of coin from Philadelphia to Washington and sub-treasuries. Recent changes affected unofficial shipments only and postage on these shipments does not appear chargeable. Please discontinue and advise."

By this day's mail it is understood you are to forward a statement manifesting all payments made, for postage and insurance, since the new order went into effect. A refund will be made by the Post Office Department for erroneous collections from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from the American Smelting and Refining Company, New York, 250,000 ounces of fine silver at the rate of $0.49375, and an additional 250,000 ounces at the rate of $0.495, and from Zimmermann and Forshay, 100,000 ounces of fine silver at the rate of 4945 per fine ounce. The above purchases were made for your institution on the 17th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $5,114,788.80 payable in 274,737.62 gross ounces of standard gold, to be forwarded to you from the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 18, 1915.

Sir:

Section 5 of the Deficiency Appropriation Act, March 4, 1915, requires the Department to submit to Congress on the first day of the next session a statement relative to typewriting machines. You are, accordingly, requested to forward to the Bureau the following information so far as it applies to your institution:-

"A report showing, as to each exchange hereunder, the make of the article, the period of its use, the allowance therefor, and the article, make thereof, and price, including exchange value, paid or to be paid for each article procured through such exchange."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming our conversation of a few days ago, and in acknowledgement of your letter of the 17th instant, I beg to say that it is understood you are to execute the following coinage as early as practicable:-

Double eagles	$1,750,000.00
Eagles	2,000,000.00
Half eagles	4,000,000.00
Quarter eagles	1,200,000.00
Half Dollars	50,000.00
Quarter Dollars	2,000,000.00

Should the necessity arise the above quantities may be increased, but you will be given instructions in due time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant relative to the number of medals of award which are to be plated, I beg to say that I have taken the matter up with the representative of the Exposition Company and will notify you as soon as possible of the approximate number to be plated in gold and in silver after delivery has been made by you to the Company.

If you have struck any of the medals will you please send a copy to the Bureau, to be submitted to the Representative in Washington of the Exposition Company, and returned to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $5,055,858.79 payable in 266,862.10 gross ounces of standard gold, to be sent to you from the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Sept. 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On your schedule of vouchers paid from the 1916 contingent appropriation during the month of August there appears to be an error of $1.00 in the total, which apparently should be $2958.12 instead of $2957.12 as rendered. Please advise me if this is not correct.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 22, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Will be at the Mint four ten today. Wish to see you and Mr. Barber.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATE.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 6128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry as to the number of Exposition medals to be plated, I beg to say that the representative of the Exposition Company in Washington advised the Bureau that 2,500 bronze medals would be awarded, and the balance of the 15,000 to be manufactured are to be plated. This is the closest estimate it is possible to obtain at present. Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

September 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $5,080,380.05, payable in 268,149.91 gross ounces of standard gold to be sent to your Mint from the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward an invoice to the Bureau covering $1,000 in proof gold to be forwarded to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Mint at Denver fifteen obverse quarter dollar dies as early as convenient.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of standard silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for silver, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FFD.

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, Sept. 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to letter of the 25th instant requesting a supply of Form 134 - "Informal Memorandum of Silver Purchases", and Form 282 - "Assayer's Report of Net Weight and Fineness of Silver Bullion Received", I have to state that the above forms were abolished ten years ago, as unnecessary and useless reports.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H./

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September 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under date of September 28th, 1915, the Bureau has been advised that the following coinage is desired by the Government of Cuba, to be delivered to the representative of that Government between now and the 1st of December:-

Five Cent nickels	$50,000.
Two Cent Nickels	30,000.
One Cent Nickels	20,000
Twenty Cent Silver	125,000
Forty Cent Silver	125,000
One Dollar Silver	750,000
Ten Dollars Gold	500,000
Twenty Dollar Gold	1,000,000

If the amount of the Ten Dollar pieces could be increased to $1,000,000 or even to $2,000,000 the representative of the Cuban Government would be pleased.

It has been agreed that in future the gold and silver bullion required for the above coinage will be furnished by the Mint, the cost of which, together with charges for coinage, etc., are to be paid by the Cuban Government through the Philadelphia National Bank every Friday, it being understood that the silver bullion be furnished by the Mint at the current market rate, provided such quotation be not below the price at which the bullion was acquired by the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1915.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your guidance a copy of a revised section of the Table of Charges as applied to ore assays. This change will go into effect October 1, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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September 30, 1915.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of amended Regulation. Article 3, Section 2, covering payment for deposits of foreign gold coin when received in deposits of not less than $1,000,000 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 4, 1915.

Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" San Francisco, Cal.
" Denver, Colo.
" New Orleans, La.
" Carson, Nev.
Assay Office Seattle, Wash.
" " Deadwood, S.D.
" " Helena, Mont.
" " Boise, Idaho
" " Salt Lake, Utah.
" " New York, N. Y.

From and including today pay for silver partings at fifty cents fine ounce.

Woolley

Director.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Comt. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.
B—6627

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October 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the transfer be made of $1,000 from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco, payable in 48.375 ounces proof gold to be sent by you to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Adams Express Co., pyrometer to Bureau of Standards May 7, 1915 - Contingent 1915 appropriation - $0.25
Wells Fargo & Co., bullion accounts to Washington July 28 - Contingent 1916 appropriation - 0.49

The Auditor for the Navy Department has settled your account for 1000 good conduct medals furnished May 27, 1915, in amount $372.65, crediting your appropriations as per indication on face of voucher; settlement number 2936 dated Oct. 2, 1915.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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Similar letter to all except. Deadwood.

October 5, 1915.

Sir:

Referring to the amendment to Section 10, Revised Table of Charges, I beg to say that this amendment will be construed to mean that assays for both gold and silver will be made for $1.00 for each assay, and for other metals $1.00 for each metal determined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Price fine silver five naught four four.

Woolley

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
9—1917

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October 6, 1915.

Dear Dr. Norris:

In pursuance of our conversation on Monday with regard to the coinage presses, will you please let me know by return mail what concern built the presses now in use at Philadelphia, their cost, etc. Also, the names of any other concerns you may know of in position to build these presses.

This information is desired for the Russian Government.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. A. A. Norris,
Acting Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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October 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution during the fiscal year 1916 has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - -	7,000
	$38,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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October 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please inform this Bureau if the present style of Receipts for Gold Bullion, Form 7 A, or other similar Forms, are satisfactory to your mint.

If you have any alterations to suggest regarding this form, I would be pleased to have you state them clearly, in detail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

From and after this date reports on Form 225 (Examination and Count of Funds) will be discontinued.

The count of cash, bars, etc., in the hands of the cashier will, as usual, be made by the Superintendent or his representative, and if found correct he will so certify on the Cashier's Daily Statement rendered for the last day of the month.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the bronze medals desired by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, I beg to request that you will proceed as rapidly as possible with their manufacture and shipment to the Exposition Company.

Respectfully,

F. P. Schaffner

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from this Bureau dated September 9, 1915, I beg to request that you will expedite the shipment to New York of the earthenware tanks therein referred to.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, October 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

From and after this date reports on Form 219 (Melting and Refining Department Balances) and Form 220 (Coiner's Balances) will be discontinued.

In order that the Bureau may be advised as to the quantity and denomination of blanks and ingots in the possession of the superintendents of Coining and Melting and Refining departments, please attach to Form 232 statements giving this information.

It is also desired that the statement made by the superintendent of Melting and Refining department show the different classes of metal which comprise his nickel and bronze balances.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant I beg to say that the change in the regulation in regard to ore assays is not to effect the existing charge of $2.00 for bullion assays.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the New York Assay Office to that of your Mint of the sum of $5,100,685.29, payable in 270,336.97 ounces gross of standard gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, October 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It appears that reports on Forms 61, 474 and 637 are being rendered to this Bureau for the quarter, fiscal and calendar years. In future these reports will be made quarterly and not otherwise unless called for.

Please state on Form 61 the coining and cost values of gold and silver under their headings.

Form 62 is abolished.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, October 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you if you will show on the Cashier's Daily statement the face value of foreign coinage delivered to you by the superintendent of Coining.

On the 8th instant you report the cost value of 40-centavo pieces coined for Cuba. You should also report the face value, otherwise our records here will not show the actual coinage.

It will be satisfactory if these items are shown by short entries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Secretary of the Colombian Legation relative to coinage desired by his Government. With the return of this letter please advise the Bureau of the charges to be imposed, the cost of dies, and the amount of silver, should the Mint be required to furnish the silver, and any other information necessary to report satisfactorily to the Colombian Minister. It is contemplated to recoin a part of the current coinage of Colombia, but I am unable to advise you of the amount of such recoinage under consideration. Please have the estimate cover all charges involved, including the silver, and the alternative of having the silver supplied by the Colombian Government. I would be glad to know the approximate time of delivery, assuming that all other orders for foreign coinage take precedence over this, and that our own coinage is not to be interfered with.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury in your name, the following amounts on account of the profits on coinage:-

On account of subsidiary silver coin profits, $[illegible],015.01; on account of minor coin profits, $27,797.71.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TTEN:
ureau of the Mint.

Washington, October 13, 1915.

uperintendent, Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Director,

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NT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses, Mint Bureau, 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

STOCK FORM 1793 S.
DIV. S. AND S.

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October 14, 1915.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver twenty pairs of half dollar dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please explain the considerable differences between the estimated costs and the actual costs as billed, for the following:

Single arm shear for the San Francisco Mint, estimated at $250; billed at $661.63, an increase of over 160%.
Anode bags and asbestos and canvas gloves ordered by New York Assay Office Jan. 26, 1915, estimated, as per letter of Jan. 27th, at $410; billed at $682.26, an increase of about 66-2/3%.

Where the appropriations of an institution are barely sufficient for its needs such differences may easily result in the creation of deficiencies. It is therefore very desirable that estimates represent approximate costs.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the New York Assay Office forwarded June 29, 1915, for anode bags, mitts and aprons, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notations on face of voucher, in the sum of $715.18.

In making future shipments of articles please notify the consignee as to which of his orders are being filled by the shipment.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward, at your early convenience, six pairs of asbestos mitts to the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, six pairs of asbestos mitts at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, October 18,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to cost reports which have been rendered during the last fiscal year, it is found after careful consideration that some of the institutions are not equipped to follow out instructions and render such a cost report as has been required for the period mentioned without unwarranted expense and labor. It has therefore been decided to revise the system, and the following amendments are suggested, which it is hoped will lessen the work of compiling the report, and at the same time not sacrifice the essential features of such a report - giving to the Bureau and the heads of the various institutions sufficient data as to costs and methods of operating in each institution.

Eliminate distribution of administration and operation of building to all departments, but carry these distributions to the recapitulation sheet under separate headings of administration and operation of building. These distributions may be shown as heretofore on the first page, but for purposes of comparison only.

Eliminate fine ounces and deal only with gross ounces in the Deposit Weigh and Deposit Melting Room.

In all Departments, work in process will be eliminated, as it will take care of itself at the end of the year. The refineries will, in stating the quantity of metal treated eliminate fine bullion which is only nitred or fire-treated, and deal only with crude bullion upon which charges are collected. This will show whether charges collected are sufficient to operate the refineries. Institutions operating refineries will follow the form submitted for statistical purposes, and show the various kinds of bullion sent to the refinery; also, output of the refinery. All costs in refineries will be based on crude ounces treated, and show current used and cost per K.W., quantity of acid, and cost, and quantity of fuel oil and cost, in addition to the other how called for.

The Cost Report will be further amended to show "cost per crude ounce or bullion sent to refinery for the month" instead of "cost per fine ounce of net product for the month"; averages will also be calculated on gross or crude ounces. Manufacture of Fine bars will be distributed to "Manufacture of Merchant Bars" instead of "Production of Refined Bullion". Under the heading "Recapitu-

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lation" add new items of "Administration and Operation of Building", and "Manufacture of Merchant Bars and Certificate Bars".

Care will be exercised in keeping accounts of stores received and disbursed, cash and labor, by departments to insure their accuracy.

Job orders will be used in the shops only but not for work done in the various branches of the institution. The detailed statement of work done in shops will be eliminated. When labor is assigned from one department to another, the time of men so assigned will be kept so that each department will be charged with its actual labor and costs.

The items of capital outlay or new equipment, and maintenance or repairs will be distributed to the departments where they belong, except in case of administration or operation of building which will be carried in totals to the recapitulation sheet.

All institutions are requested to co-operate in rendering cost reports and in the elimination of as much detail as possible, keeping in mind that a cost report as accurate as possible with as little labor as possible is desired.

All institutions will render cost reports under these instructions beginning with the month of November.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to the following:-

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,

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REFINERY STATISTICS.

Gross Ounces,-	Fine Gold.	Fine Silver
Fire Process 999+		
" " Standard or Over		
Electrolytic Process 999+ Gold		
" " 998+ Silver		

Crude Bullion with charges

Gold

Silver

Total

Production of Fine Bullion

Gold 999+

Gold Standard or Over

Silver 999+

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

HTB.

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Oct. 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Relative to the proposal as per your letter of the 16th instant to have future bills carry explanation of differences between estimates and actual costs of manufactured articles, it is suggested that it will hardly be desirable for this information to appear on the bills, however, where there are considerable differences an explanation on separate sheet, accompanying the bill, will be acceptable.

Where considerable additional costs are involved the Bureau should be advised at as early a date as possible in order that an additional encumbrance may be set up to meet same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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JHG

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October 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is noted that you have executed the coinage of $69,000 in half dollars. The letter of the Bureau dated September 20th requested the coinage of $50,000 of this denomination. I presume you may have desired to use up ingots on hand, but have to request that no more fifty cent pieces be manufactured.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 10.50 ounces of silver reduced from the chloride and would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver for quartation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FTD.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

KE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 20, 1915.

perintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Have Sheetz take oath today clerk class three.

Woolley

Acting Director

Cont. Em. Mint Bureau 1916.

AL BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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October 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the enclosed amendment of Section 2, Article 2, General Instructions and Regulations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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,October 20,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring t o your letter of the 19th inst., I beg to say that the Treasurer requests that you disburse funds from the gold and silver coin stamp account under your Ordinary Expense Account symbol. This account should be carried on statements under an appropriate heading as other accounts are carried in the Ordinary Expense Account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It appears that there is an undeposited balance of gains of the past fiscal year on mutilated coin purchases, also of proceeds of deposit sweeps. Please have these amounts covered into the Treasury at an early date.

Schedule of revenues for the month of September carries no proceeds of sale of medals and proof coin.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please pay for silver contained in gold deposits received on and after Saturday, October 23rd, at forty-nine cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your shipments in June last of crude bullion to the New York Assay Office you are advised that the delay in reporting upon same has been due to the great congestion of work at that office on account of receipts of foreign bullion and coin. It is understood, however, that they are about ready to report on the first of the two shipments .

While your recoveries from deposits operations since July 1st ought to be sufficient to meet any possible losses incident to the shipments in question, if you are in doubt as to this last year's recoveries may be retained until settlement has been made between the two institutions.

Your letter of the 22d inst. apparently links the gain on mutilated coin purchases with the recoveries from deposits operations, but I am not clear as to the intent concerning this. It is not understood in the Bureau that such gains could be used to offset losses on shipments.

Judging from the certificate of deposit and revenue schedules for July and August, the profits on medals and proof coins in Sept. should be $519.58 instead of $519.18 as stated in letter of the 22d.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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October 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the shipment of Award Medals to the Panama Pacific Exposition Company, I beg to advise you that the representative of the Company has wired to San Francisco for instructions, and upon receipt of directions from him you will be immediately communicated with.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 21st instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company to furnish your Mint with 160 NO. 70 Philadelphia Mint crucibles at the rate of $5.50 each.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chalfant

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The representative of the Panama Pacific International Exposition has advised the Bureau under even date that the Company desire to have the award medals struck at the Philadelphia Mint forwarded to them by freight, addressed to-

Mr. O. H. Fernbach,
Secretary International Award System,
Administration Building
Exposition Grounds,
San Francisco, Cal.

Respectfully,

F. D. Crafts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared the following proof gold:-

For the Assay Office at New York, $1,000 in value.
" " " " " Seattle 200 " "

As soon as the Bureau is advised that the above proof gold is ready a transfer order will be requested, in each case.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Mint at San Francisco six half dollar standard diameter coin collars for large standard ring.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mowbray

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 1, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Reach Philadelphia ~~tomorrow~~ at four o'clock today. Wish to see you and coiner.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

TRANSMITTED.
TELEGRAPH RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION 600
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2429.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

November 3, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to employ necessary help on overtime until further notice. Letter follows.

Wroolley
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2 12

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lar letter N. Y., San Fran., Den.

November 3, 1915.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Salt Lake is in need of the following apparatus, and I will thank you to advise me at your early convenience if you have on hand and not in use by your institution, any of the following articles which could be spared by you:

Bullion button balance, with ten divisions on each side of the beam, and each of the ten divisions divided into ten parts.

One platinum dish, weight about 22 grams, capacity 45 cubic centimeters and diameter about 60 millimeters;

One platinum crucible, weight about 25 grams, capacity 25 cubic centimeters and diameter 3.3 centimeters, with cover.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose four samples of standard gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, reporting the results to this Office, and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FTD.

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November 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telegram of this date as follows:-

"Authorized to employ necessary help on overtime until further notice. Letter follows."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of this date I beg to confirm the price of silver to-day as follows:- $0.50685.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau by return mail of the cost of striking a Panama-Pacific International Exposition Medal in silver, it being understood that the person desiring such a medal shall present a certificate from the Exposition Company that he is entitled to such a medal in that metal. I would suggest that if such requests are received in due form from individuals, the Mint should be reimbursed for the cost of making the medal, as well as for the cost of the metal contained.

Respectfully,

F. M. Nagley

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 5, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution during the fiscal year 1916 has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	37,000
Contingent Expenses - - - -	12,000
	$54,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 412

,November 5,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish to this Bureau a statement of silver and nickel coinage made for Cuba during the month of October, showing the date of delivery, denomination, number of pieces and face value of each delivery, in order to enable me to verify the coinages as reported on the Cashier's Daily Statements for last month.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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,November 5,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after November 6th, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at fifty cents (50¢) per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of advice dated Oct. 30, 1915, concerning items making up the sum of $227.41 deposited by C/D #371, and to the particular item of reimbursement for coin bags, you are advised that it is well established that stores on hand at the close of a fiscal year are available for the use of the following fiscal years. It would therefore seem that the proceeds of all bags used for minor coin during the current year should be credited to the contingent appropriation of the current year instead of a part being credited to last year's appropriation. Unless there is reason to the contrary, of which you are requested to advise me, the sum of $3.27 will be included with that of $159.64 and the total will be placed to the credit of your 1916 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, November 8, 1915.

erintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Referring to your recent requisition for record books and
, I note that the samples of Forms 892, 190A, and 515 were
from old books, printed some years ago, since which time
changes have been made in the headings. I would there-
equest that samples made in conformity with the records
use at your Mint be forwarded, and I would suggest that
ure only samples from the latest issue be furnished for
the printer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing the account of Mr. McHugh, amounting to $44.00 for hauling to and from the Mint the coining press lent to the Western Pennsylvania Exposition Company. This account has been transmitted to the Chief Clerk of the Department with the request that payment be expedited.

In this connection I beg to inquire if the wages and expense account of Mr. Downing have been adjusted. If not, please instruct him to mail to the Bureau his account against the Exposition Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the amount of freight due the Railroad Company for which the medals offered are being held at the freight station in Philadelphia. Upon receipt of this information the representative of the Exposition Company in Washington will forward to you the amount of the charges.

I would suggest that in anticipation of future shipments of the medals the Bureau be advised in advance that remittance may be made to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 53.06 grams cornets etc., for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold.

Respectfully,

F. M. Mowlly

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

One to Each Institution

,November 10,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

To enable this Bureau to estimate the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1915, you are hereby requested to prepare on Forms 61 and 637, statements of the deposits of gold and silver at your mint in fine ounces ~~and value~~ for the eleven months ending November 30, and also an estimated statement of deposits for December as furnished heretofore, so as to reach this ~~Bureau~~ office on or before December 12th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The question of advisability of continuing the present distinction between gold and silver deposits has been reopened and I have to request that you forward a copy of your letter dated March 12, 1913, on this subject, with any additional comment considered pertinent. Have been unable to locate the above mentioned letter in our files.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scholl

Director of the Mint.

/F

Ltr

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 15.90 ounces of silver reduced from chloride for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver suitable for partings.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FRD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

,November 13,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose to you herewith sample of record books, Forms 891, 892; 515 A and 515 B, on which it is desired to have the proper title indicated on each sample.

Forms 515 A and 515 B, evidently, are intended for gold books; the Form number for silver books would be different.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith check received from Mr. Ira Bennett, representative of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Company, covering the cost of shipping medals to the Company at San Francisco. It is understood that this amount ($15.04) will cover the cost of two lots of medals now ready to go forward.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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November 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant enclosing proof gold equivalent to the 53.05 grams of cornets, etc., sent to you from the Bureau on the 10th instant, and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

F. M. Worley

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to the moneys advanced to you for use in paying registry fees on shipments of gold and silver coin, you are advised that same should be accounted for on your regular ordinary account current under the appropriation heading "Contingent Expenses, Independent Treasury, 1916". Vouchers, listed on a separate schedule from mint appropriations, should be forwarded to the Bureau monthly; and on the schedule for the last month of each quarter should be noted the quarter's opening balance, advances received, payments, and closing balance. This procedure will permit the administrative examination of these accounts by the Division of Public Moneys, Secretary's Office, which division has jurisdiction of the appropriation named, and also the rendition of your entire disbursing account on one account current.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

AE

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 13, 1915.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to visit Washington for conference relative to the business of the Mint at Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for the granular silver forwarded to this Bureau in compliance with request of the 11th instant.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited in the Treasury in your name:-

On account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin $207,378.25
and the increase of your bullion fund in like amount.
On account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin ..... 7,000 ~~9,771.77~~
and the increase of the minor coin account in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at Denver, at your earliest convenience, twenty pairs of one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Adams Express Co. for transportation of lathe screw to Torrington, Conn., Oct. 16th has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 30¢.

Respectfully,

F Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to our telephone communication of two days ago I beg to say that as the demand for quarter dollars is to be supplied from the Denver Mint, I wish to confirm by request that you discontinue the coinage of quarter dollars and resume the coinage of 20-cent pieces for the Government of Cuba.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

,November 20,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return to you herewith sample Forms 16, 33 and 505, which have been abolished for many years.

I also enclose herewith samples of Forms 515 A, 515 B, 891 and 892. We find that these records have not been printed within the past five (5) years, and your necessity for their use should be fully stated before further action is taken by this Bureau, as it seems that they are no longer required,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures)
H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. Edward T. Newell which is self explanatory. Will you please direct that Mr. Newell be given opportunity to secure the casts referred to in his letter. He has been advised of this reference.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint in the sum of $1,087,794.53 payable in 52,632.059 fine ounces of gold to be sent to you by parcel post.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I am enclosing herewith a copy of the acceptance of the proposal of the Porter Safety Seal Company covering the fiscal year 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please direct that the following coinage dies be prepared for the mints at Denver and San Francisco,- calendar year 1916:-

San Francisco.

Double Eagles ----------	5	pairs
Eagles ----------	5	"
Half Eagles ----------	5	"
Nickels ----------	30	"
One Cent ----------	20	"

Denver.

Nickels ----------	20	"
Cent ----------	20	"

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Bureau will at an early date, take up the revision of the General Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of the business at the mints and assay offices of the United States, and I would be pleased to receive from you at your earliest convenience suggestions as to changes which in your judgment should be made in the present regulations.

Any suggestions from you as to changes in the old, or new regulations you deem advisable will receive careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the practice of accumulating counterfeit coins and forwarding them to the Bureau for transmission to the Secret Service Division, will you please direct that in future the counterfeits be turned over immediately to the representative of the Secret Service in your city.

Respectfully,

F. D. Duffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 23, 1916.

U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " New Orleans, La.
" " Carson, Nev.
" " Philadelphia, Penna.
U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " Boise, Idaho.
" " Lead wood, S. D.
" " Helena, Mont.
" " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " New York, N. Y.

On and after November 23rd. pay for silver partings at fifty-two cents per fine ounce.

Woolley

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1916.
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 25, 1916.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Price of silver [illegible] today five three one naught eight.

Woolley

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1916.
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington, November 25, 1916.

U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.
" " San Francisco, Calif.
" " New Orleans, La.
" " Carson, Nevada.
" " Philadelphia, Penna.
U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
" " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " Helena, Montana.
" " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " New York City.

On and after November twenty-sixth pay for silver partings at fifty-four cents per fine ounce.

Woolley,

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6827

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 27, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Anticipating a delay in printing, I am enclosing herewith a typewritten list of Revised Table of Charges which is effective December 1st, 1915. As soon as printed, a supply of this table of charges will be furnished your institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 28, 1915

U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado
" " San Francisco, California.
" " New Orleans, Louisiana.
" " Carson, Nevada.
" " Philadelphia, Penna.
U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " Helena, Mont.
" " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " New York, N. Y.

From and including November twenty-eighth pay for silver partings at the rate of fifty-six cents per fine ounce.

WOOLLEY,

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1916
2—6227
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 29, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I am very interested in the prompt execution of the order for medals for the Pan American Scientific Conference. I might add that the Secretary of the Treasury is also very much interested. Won't you please take the matter up with Mr. Barber and ask him to make every effort to deliver these medals by January 5th, the latest date on which they would be of any use.

Mr. Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics, seems somewhat apprehensive following a talk over the telephone with Mr. Barber this morning. I have assured him that he need not give the matter any further thought.

I expect Mr. Barber here on Friday morning next to appear with me before the Fine Arts Commission, and will take the matter up with him in parson.

Cordially yours,

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

Will you please request Mr. Barber to be ready to come to Washington in time to attend a meeting of the Fine Arts Commission ~~next~~ at eleven o'clock, Friday, December 3rd. Formal letter will follow this note.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, December 1, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Silver quotation five seven five one three.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau, 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

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December 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please instruct Mr. Barber to bring with him on Friday a set of the Panama Pacific International Exposition coins to be taken before the Fine Arts Commission, with the understanding that they are to remain in his custody until returned to the Numismatic Collection of your Mint upon Mr. Barber's return to Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo the representative of the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company was requested to place at your disposal a fund sufficient to meet frequent paymsents for freight on medals to be sent to the Exposition Company by you. It is understood that a check for $100 has been forwarded to you by Mr. Bennett. I would suggest that you report directly to him from time to time as to the use of this fund.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 1, 1915.

Hon. Charles E. Barber,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to visit Washington to attend a meeting of the Fine Arts Commission at eleven o'clock, Friday, December 5, 1915, on business connected with coin designs.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1916."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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December 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon receipt of this letter will you please prepare to coin only one-cent and five cent pieces until otherwise instructed. At the earliest possible moment cease the coinage of gold and silver of all denominations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Dec. 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is noted that during the month of August last the prices charged Salvador and Venezuela for the nickel and copper contained in the nickel coinage executed for them were -

Salvador		Venezuela
38¢	- Nickel -	36¾¢
15¢	- Copper -	14¾¢

Will you please explain the reasons for the differences.

Respectfully,

F. W. Phillips

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1915.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I beg to enclose a letter handed to me yesterday by Mr. Montoulieu and ask that you discuss the contents with Mr. Clark. If we can possibly do this coinage in the time indicated, I shall be very glad. It begins to look as if the new designs for the subsidiary coinages will not be ready for several months, and I would be glad to have something to keep the Philadelphia Mint going full time meanwhile.

I will be in Philadelphia Monday or Tuesday and will discuss the matter with you further then.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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December 3, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your bill against the Helena Assay Office for six pairs of asbestos mitts has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, and your appropriations are to be credited in the sum of $7.76, as per notation on the face of voucher.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 3, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Bill of the Wells-Fargo Express Company for transportation of your bullion account to Washington, October 29, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1916 contingent appropriation in the sum of 48 cents.

Respectfully,

W. Morey

Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 3, 1915.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward to the Bureau, by registered mail, on or before December 15th. your abstract sheets, certificates of deposit, receipts and assay reports for October and November, and in future continue to forward abstract sheets, etc. on or before the 15th day of each month for the prior month.

The bullion accounts and any other supporting vouchers will be forwarded quarterly as heretofore.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 4, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Herewith find memorandum concerning the clerical work connected with the operation of the Mint Service. Please give it your consideration, and have the employees responsible for the work affected thereby study it and be prepared to discuss its merits and demerits personally with some representative of the Bureau at an early date, reserving reply for the present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

MHC.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 4, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

It is desired by the Bureau that a uniform system of blanks and records be established for use in the various institutions, and with that end in view I would thank you to assemble at your earliest convenience a complete set of blank forms used in the various departments of your institution, with a notation on each as to where it originates and its relation to other departments.

I would also like to have, if they can be furnished, a leaf from each record where the data reported is recorded. If these leaves cannot be furnished, please note on the blank the number, name, etc. of the record in which the aforesaid data is recorded.

Please also include sample leaves, or number of record where data is originally recorded and not taken from ~~blanks~~ forms.

Respectfully,

F. D. Phelps
Acting Director of the Mint.

P.S.- Please hold these forms, etc., and advise the Bureau when they are ready for inspection.

MCG.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $20,000 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baffin

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 4th instant you are authorized to accept the bid of the C. E. Howe Company to furnish your Office with one copy each of Boyd's Philadelphia Business Directory for 1916, and Boyd's Philadelphia City Directory for 1916, the former to cost $3.50 and the latter $8.00.

Respectfully,

F. E. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Dec. 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution during the fiscal year 1916 has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - -	35,000
Contingent Expenses - - - -	10,000
	$50,000

Respectfully,

F. E. Duffin

Acting Director Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th instant relative to the silver and bronze medals proposed for the Pan-American Scientific Conference, I beg to advise you that you are hereby authorized to proceed with the execution of the medals requested by the Secretary General of the Pan American Union for the Pan American Scientific Conference.

Respectfully,

G. W. Norris

Director of the Mint.

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Dec 9, 1915
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December 7, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Gold Certificate No.189 for correction. It will be noted that the certificate differs in amount by one cent with the mode of payment.

I am also enclosing herewith Silver Certificate No. 1091, which shows a difference of eighteen cents between the certificate and the mode of payment.

Kindly correct and return.

Respectfully,

F. Wheeler

Acting Director of the Mint.

MHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 7, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of December 4th, with which I enclosed memorandum relating to clerical work in connection with bullion accounts, etc., in which it was stated that it is proposed to combine on the abstracts and throughout the records deposits of gold bullion and local purchases of silver under the heading of "Deposits of Bullion", I beg to enclose herewith a sample form of combination receipt which is intended to take the place of the blank forms now used for gold and silver; the new form to be printed in black only.

I would thank you to examine this form and return to this Bureau, advising the Bureau whether or not, in your opinion, it will take the place of the forms now in use.

This sample blank has been submitted to San Francisco and Denver, and has met with the hearty approval of the Superintendents of both institutions.

It will be bound as heretofore in book form, but without stubs or office copies, it being deemed wise to make the original entry regarding deposits in the weigh clerk's book and from that record to ... the data necessary for this receipt.

Respectfully,

F. E. Scheffler

Acting Director of the Mint.

MIC.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver one dozen nickel collars for the large presses.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 9, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the opinion of the Comptroller of the Treasury in response to my request of December 2nd, regarding the legality of the signatures of Superintendents and Officers in Charge of the various institutions of this service to Certificates of deposit, documents and reports in connection therewith, by fac-simile rubber stamp personally initialed by the officer.

The Comptroller says he can see no legal objection to the use of such a signature if authorized and recognized by the Department.

You are therefore authorized to procure and use a fac-simile rubber stamp in signing the documents mentioned in his letter, provided your initials precede your title in the proper place for signature.

This opinion does not apply to checks.

Respectfully,

G. W. Wolley

Director of the Mint.

EHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 10, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Bill of Sherritt & Stoer Company for one Hendey lathe has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum of $838.90.

Respectfully,

F A Ohl

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 10, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There has been deposited to your credit by C. D. No. 1,004, dated December 6th, 1915, the sum of $530.00, cost of eight one-cent and forty-five two-cent embossed stamped envelope dies furnished the Post Office Department.

Your appropriations to be credited as follows:

Wages of workmen,-1916,	$492.75
Contingent expenses,-1916,	37.25
	$530.00

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 11, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

For reasons stated authorized to accept Clendenin bid.

W. Wiley
Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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December 11, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose 19.40 oz. of silver reduced from chloride, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver free from gold for parting.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FFD

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Dec. 13, 1915.

Hon. John H. Lamis,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Committee in charge of making the Transfer Settlement of the accounts of the Philadelphia Mint at the time you were superseded by Mr. Joyce as Superintendent of that institution has submitted the report of its findings, with very satisfactory results so far as concerns the bullion and minor coinage metals balances turned over by you.

A careful count and check of the Cashier's Assets develops the following:

In a box supposed to contain $1,000. in standard silver dollars, 22 dollar blanks were found.

Among the circulated silver dollars on storage were found -

Trade Dollars	39	pieces
Mutilated (plugged) Dollars	155	"
In storage dollars, - - - - - -	194	"
In standard dollars, - - - - - -	22	"
	216	"
Counterfeits in storage dollars	55	"
Total questionable coins, - - - -	271	pieces

None of the above pieces are acceptable to Mr. Joyce, nor to the Bureau as assets of the Mint and an adjustment is therefore necessary to make up this difference. The item of 55 counterfeits

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is a dead loss and will require full reimbursement.

In the case of the remaining 216 pieces, the weight of which totals 184.56 std. ozs. (900 fine), or 166.10 fine ozs. of silver, the most satisfactory adjustment would be to allow you credit for these 216 pieces on the basis of the value of their silver bullion contents, which at the present market rate of silver of 56¢ per fine oz. for Partings would make the credit to you amount to $93.02, leaving a balance due, including reimbursement for the 55 counterfeits, of $177.98.

Inasmuch as the Cashier at the present time is carrying these 271 pieces in his balance and it is desirable to relieve him of this item, I suggest that you make early arrangement to remit to the Mint the amount of $177.98 in order that this matter may be definitely and finally closed.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

All officers, clerks and employees of your institution whose services can be spared may be excused from duty at 12 o'clock Friday, December 24th. and at the same hour on Friday, December 31st. 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Payments on account of salaries may be made by you on the 23rd instant to officers and employees of your institution who may desire the same. Such payments will be made on regularly approved pay rolls in multiples of five dollars, not exceeding the amounts due to include the 22nd instant. Employees whose earnings to include the 22nd instant do not amount to five dollars may be paid in multiples of one dollar, not to exceed the amounts due.

The regular rolls for the period December 16th to 31st will be submitted without deductions for the payments made on the 23rd.

Please bring this matter to the attention of each officer and employee of your institution, so that all will be duly advised.

Respectfully,

F. A. Vanderlip

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to forms Nos. 61 and 637, furnished for the eleven months ending December 30th. 1915, it is noted that you include in these forms the amounts estimated for the month of December in totals only. I will thank you to furnish as soon as possible forms Nos. 61 and 637, distributing the amounts estimated to localities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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December 14, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as possible after the close of business on December 15th. totals of gold, subsidiary and minor coins coined December 1st. to 15th. inclusive, and an estimate of same coinage from December 15th to 31st.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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December 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $[illegible],010.70 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the month of November, and the increase of the Bullion Fund of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing granulated silver in exchange for the 19.40 ounces of silver sent you with Bureau letter of December 11th, for which please accept thanks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Will you please forward to this Bureau as soon as possible fifty copies of the attached circular, dated Washington, D.C., November 23, 1912, relating to catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, December 30,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, requesting a supply of "Pay Rolls" without the Certificate, I will state that I have written to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York City requesting him to forward to you 50 copies of the same pending their delivery from the Public Printer.

Respectfully,

F. E. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

H.

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December 20, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your request of the 18th instant for a supply of blank forms for use in accounting for special deposits, you are advised that the stock forms proposed about a year ago have never been printed. However, it is understood that the Customs Service are using blanks of their own devising and if you have need for them, an effort will be made to secure a supply for you.

In this connection, would state that since the Superintendent is required to make a personal return to the Internal Revenue Collector on account of income tax, if the Engraver (the only other person at that Mint whose compensation is subject to income tax) still claims exemption as he did last year per your letter dated January 11th. 1915, it will not be necessary to make any deduction of income tax at the source at that institution.

Please advise me if you have other use for the special deposit forms at the present time.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of copies of the Circular relative to the Catalogue of Coins, and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

F. D. Roosevelt

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday on the subject of income tax deductions - it is assumed from the letter that deduction was made only on your personal account and that the Engraver's account is not subject to deduction. Since a special deposit account has been opened with the Treasurer it is suggested that the matter be carried through on this basis for this time; but in future, so long as no other account at that institution is subject to deduction, it will not be necessary to make deduction from your personal salary as the matter will be adjusted when you make personal return to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, ten sets of double eagle segmental coin collars, making partial shipment of collars as rapidly as completed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 23, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Will you kindly forward at your earliest convenience copy of letter sent you from this Bureau under date of February 12, 1915, with regard to the inquiry of Hon. Josiah Quincy, of Boston, Massachusetts, as to the cost of manufacturing certain medals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Please forward the meter readings to support voucher No. 52-September, in favor of the United Gas Improvement Company.

Voucher No. 25-August, in favor of Powell, Clouds & Company, carries indication of purchase under methods 2 and B, with statement that the proposals are filed with the voucher. The proposals were not found with the voucher. Please forward same.

Respectfully,

G. W. Norris

Director of the Mint.

F.

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December 23, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of December 7th, with which I submitted new form of receipt proposed to be used for all bullion deposits, I beg to advise that I have not yet received a reply to this letter, and would thank you to give me your views on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

F. D. Chaffee
Acting Director of the Mint.

FHO.

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Dec. 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find wages vouchers No. 12 August, and No. 33 October, in favor of Stephen Frisby. Please sign the approvals on certificates of disability and return by next mail.

Respectfully,

F. O. Raffin

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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Uruguay

December 27, 1915

Hon. A. M. Joyce, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

I beg to enclose herewith certain memoranda from the National Bank of Commerce, New York, relating to the proposed coinage for the Government of Uruguay. Won't you please see that the desired information is compiled at the earliest possible moment and forwarded to Mr. Rovensky. The Government of Uruguay is very anxious to have this coinage rushed as soon as possible.

I regret that I will not be able to stop at Philadelphia on my way back to Washington.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

W/S
Encls.

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December 27, 1915

Hon. A. M. Joyce, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

I beg to inform you that Mr. Albion Polasek, Mr. Norman A. McNeil and Mr. Adolph Weiman, all of New York, have been commissioned to submit designs for the new subsidiary coins. Mr. Polasek will probably call on you tomorrow, Mr. McNeil on Wednesday and Mr. Weiman some time early next week. Please introduce them to Mr. Barber and request him to give them all possible information regarding the practical side of coin designing. I have assured them that all inquiries will be cheerfully responded to, and that in their efforts to create the best possible design they will receive from Mr. Barber and others at the Philadelphia Mint at all times hearty co-operation.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint

W/S

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December 27, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 23rd instant, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the American Metal Co., Ltd., to furnish your Mint with 50,000 pounds of screened shot nickel at the rate of 41 cents per pound.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 28, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th instant enclosing copy of letter from Hon. Josiah Quincy, under date of February 9, 1915, with regard to the cost of manufacturing certain medals.

What I now desire, to complete our file, is a copy of Bureau letter to you under date of February 12th. 1915. Will you kindly see that this is forwarded as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, December 28,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 3, dated June 3, 1915, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York City, has been examined and the gross value found to be $3,371,828.31. For this amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your mint to that of the assay office at New York City. Gain $312.63.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

FHC

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December 28, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Beginning January 1, 1916, deposits for purchase by the Government will no longer be segregated under the classifications gold and silver, but will be listed simply as deposits of bullion under one series of deposit numbers, regardless of whether gold or silver predominates. This is intended to include only what are known as gold deposits and local silver purchases; not silver deposits for return in bars. This combination will apply to the abstract sheets, the accounts and throughout the records.

Until further directed, you will please take into your accounts the usual entries incident to the receipt of transfer orders on shipments of crude bullion at the time notice arrives from the receiving office as to the values thereat determined; considering the transfer orders subsequently received as merely confirmatory of past completed transactions. This will permit the accounts to show completion of the transactions at as early dates and as between institutions as nearly simultaneously as possible. All bullion reported upon by the receiving office during a quarter should be taken out of your accounts for the same quarter as it will be taken into the accounts of the receiving office at the time reported upon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of British standard gold, 916-2/3 fine, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

WPD.

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December 29, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose 81.83 grams cornets, etc., for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in stripe.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN

Mint Messages

Washington,

January 4, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assistant Secretary has authorized preparation of blanks for Sandiego exposition in a mint. Could you prepare immediately ten thousand bronze blanks approximately dollar size weighing half ounce each and one thousand standard silver blanks same size and weighing approximately six-tenths ounce each. If so give estimate of cost. They to supply the silver and pay you for the bronze. Medals to be struck on Philadelphia coining press.

(Cont. Ex. Mint bureau
1915.)

Acting Director

FOR CHECKING.
FOR CHECKING PAYES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payment must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Jan. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Phila. Mint, Parts for automatics ordered Nov. 7 - $54.93

Atch. Top. & St. Fe Ry. Co., Coast Lines, fire mitts from Phila. 9/15, $3.07; and crucibles from Jersey City 9/23, $223.88 - - - - - - - - - 226.95

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, dies, collars and toggles from Phila. Nov. 20 and 23 and Dec. 2 - 39.34

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose one of the special assay half eagles representing delivery No. 80 and would direct your attention to the defect under the front foot of the eagle.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your wire of yesterday:- You are hereby requested and authorized to prepare 10,000 bronze blanks and 1000 silver blanks for the San Diego exposition medal, all the costs to be paid for by the exposition before the delivery of the blanks, and they to supply the necessary silver. In order to avoid the possible use of the metal for counterfeiting, the silver blanks must be below the legal limit and 890 fine has been tentatively decided upon.

Data as to the character and dimensions of the blanks will be supplied later.

The newspapers reported last evening that the bill authorizing the coinage at San Francisco exposition had passed the House. It will now be possible for you to plan your work there very closely. Would it be possible for you to make a further supply of blanks for San Diego when the present supply gets low, either in the Mint or at your Exposition?

Respectfully,

H. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The special assay coins from 5 deliveries of your nickels have been weighed with the following results:-

30	31	32	33	34
75.40 (2)	76.15	76.10	76.45	76.55
.70	.45	.35	.60	77.30
.90	.65	.80	.80	.80
76.15	.85	.85	.95	.85
.20	.90	77.00	77.20	.90 (2)
.60	77.10	.20	.35	78.00
77.30	.20	.55 (2)	.70	.25 (2)
.50	.30	.30	.75	.65
.55	.70	78.55	78.25	
	76.25		.75	

The general appearance of many of the coins is very poor; besides the lack of sharpness the metal is often discolored. In several instances the dies have been blanked and in others they have been allowed to get dirty. I enclose two coins and would direct your attention to the blanking of the dies as shown under the Indian's chin and in the motto "E pluribus unum:" to the spots in the metal and to the indistinctness of the word "Liberty".

Respectfully,

R. O. Bailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries 35 & 36 have been weighed with the following results:-

35.	36.
76.75	76.65
.80	77.35
77.35	.70
.60	
.90 (2)	
78.25 (2)	
.60	
.80	

Every coin in these two deliveries was defective. Nine were struck on blanked dies and four were struck on one blanked die.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

January 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the matter of preparing blanks at your Mint for the San Diego Exposition, I beg to say that it has been definitely decided to have the silver medals of the fineness of 890. Mr. Muir, the representative of the Exposition Company is en route for San Diego, and will be requested to visit your Mint and confer with you before work is begun on the blanks.

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia in reply to a request for detailed information:

> "I beg to say that it is not practical to comply with this request, as it is always found necessary to adjust the blank to the die and this can only be done by actual trial with the die and press."

Respectfully,

J. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Jan. 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	$10,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - -	5,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

R. Bary

Acting Director Mint.

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Jan. 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

With reference to the Mint Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition you are advised that it is the policy of the Bureau to put in proper condition at our own expense the equipment loaned; but to request reimbursement of our appropriations for the expenses of dismantling, packing, etc., for shipment, and unpacking, installing and putting in proper working condition the returned equipment, and for any other expenses properly connected with such exhibit.

Bills should be rendered from time to time for such of the above expenses as may be paid in the first instance from our appropriations, and the proceeds should be deposited in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 11, 1915.

NIGHT MESSAGE.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

President has not yet signed exposition bill for coinage. There are serious objections to its present shape.

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS. Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6627
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

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January 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold to be forwarded to you from the Mint at Philadelphia. (48.375 ounces).

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the inquiries of your Cost Clerk, forwarded with letter of Dec 3, 1914 -

The benefits of massing deposits (Job #6230) were considered by the Cost Committee to be in part those of handling a few large bars rather than many small ones and in part the increased accuracy and safety in caring for deposits received. Such massing is done at the offices not having refineries as well as at those having them, and as practically all the expenses of the minor offices are chargeable to Acquiring Crude Bullion it was considered that this expense could more equitably be so charged than charged elsewhere. The expense of this ingot room job should be separately stated as "Massing Deposits" - see Philadelphia's July ingot division - and transferred to the deposits division so as to follow the "total deposit melting" costs, in order that it may be included in figuring the unit costs of acquiring crude bullion.

Relative to combining the shops into a single division - would like a further opinion as to the probable differences in the cost of individual jobs by reason of combining the overhead or indirect expenses instead of requiring the jobs in each shop to stand their own overhead, and whether such differences would work any material or troublesome inequities between Departments and processes. In this connection please consider the charging of heat, light and power to the shops and thence to shops jobs, which apparently is not being now done.

Respectfully,

J. O. Denny.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

PLAIN WRITTEN.

Washington,

January 14, 1915.

NIGHT MESSAGE

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Huddleson representing department will call upon you. Give him emergency help if possible.

Dewey

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
Charge Treasury Department, Appropriation for ..... DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 1123.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

Night Message.

January 16, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Make no requests for reimbursements of exposition expenses. Letter follows.

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Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6827

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Jan. 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

Relative to the question of reimbursement of our appropriations for services rendered in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition, you are advised that when the letter of the 11th instant was written the general subject of our expenses in connection with expositions, both private and Governmental, was under consideration. The policy stated in that letter is doubtless the correct one.

However, since receipt of your telegram of yesterday have learned from the Treasury representative of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Board that the exposition law is construed liberally to mean that all Government employees engaged on work connected with that exposition are detailed thereto and that, therefore, the exposition appropriation is not chargeable with their compensation. This being the case and in view of the smallness of the exposition appropriation allotment to the Treasury Department, it is directed that no bills be rendered for reimbursement of our appropriations as the materials, etc., used will doubtless be of comparatively little consequence.

In the cost accounts these expenses will be charged to Educational Service, as mentioned in your letter of the 12th instant.

Respectfully,

J. R. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau in quadruplicate a letter giving the list of employees to be detailed for duty to the Panama Pacific Exposition. As these employes will be paid upon the rolls of the Mint from your appropriations it is desirable to have the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, together with that of the President of the Exposition Board in Charge of the Treasury Exhibit. A copy will be returned to you, one retained in the files of the Bureau and two sent to the Secretary's Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing two samples of low grade bullion high in lead and I would thank you to have 4 base metal assays and four determinations of silver by direct solution in nitric acid and titration with sulpho-cyanate.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bailey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

For the purpose of saving you the trouble of writing a letter each time that nickel pieces are sent I would suggest that you accompany the specimens with the form used in transmitting other coins, namely Form No. 971, "Transmittal Special Assay Coins".

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name the sum of $31,000 on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin during the month of December, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dewey.
Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose Treasurer's check for $12.48 to cover special assay minor coins to December 31, 1914 as follows:-

237 Nickels ----------	$11.85	
63 Cents ----------	.63	$12.48

Respectfully,

J. E. Dunn.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay coins from deliveries 1, 2 and 3, 1915, have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 1	No. 2	No.3.
75.00	75.90	75.65
.80	76.15	76.75
76.25 (2)	.40	.80
77.10	.75 (3)	.85
.20	77.10	77.05
.70	.35	.35
.80 (2)	.45	.90 (2)
78.20	78.20	

Three of these nickels were struck on blanked dies and six on one blanked die. In two cases the dies had become unduly worn. In a very large number of them the word "Liberty" was very imperfect.

Respectfully,

A. B. Stimson

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing a letter and some papers in the hopes that they may possibly be of some help in locating the Joseph Baker who left a deposit at your Mint in 1858, and did not call for the returns. If they should prove of no help kindly return to this office.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Senate Bill No. 6039, duly approved, authorizing certain coinage of gold and silver in commemoration of the Panama Pacific Exposition. The necessary steps are being taken for complying with the terms of this act as nearly as practicable. The copy is sent for your information, and you will be further advised in regard to the coinage at your Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, January 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please forward your statement showing the life of coinage dies, covering the calendar year 1914.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Mint

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Jan. 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please inform me as to the arrangements in effect since June 30, last, for electrical protection to your vaults.

The Supervising Architect has had no appropriation available for the service since the date mentioned, of which fact it is understood you were notified by the Architect's office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN.

Washington.

January 25, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Could you use dipping cup six inches across top five and quarter inches high.

Acting Director.

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
To be appropriate a from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night message

January 26, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, California.

Bureau's agreement was by numbers for Graphite goods. Gautier number 2 dipper four two and three fourths inches wide and high. Do dippers supplied differ materially from that figure.

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Jan. 27, 1915.

Sir:

The minor offices have been directed to accompany future bullion shipments with separate lists of the parting and refining and the alloy charges, for each bar shipped, in order that you may have correct information for use in the income and cost accounts - particularly the parting and refining charges on bullion placed in process in the refinery. The melting, assaying and stamping, and bar charges which they impose pertain only to their own operations.

Please make occasional verification of charges reported on shipments received and advise the Bureau in case the directions are not complied with.

Respectfully,

J. B. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

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Jan. 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Certificate of deposit #1301 dated Jan. 19, 1915, has been covered into the Treasury to your credit and to the credit of your appropriations as below, being payment for cost of manufacturing 20 and 10 centavos for the Philippine Government,

Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - -	$1,981.32
Contingent Expenses, 1915 - -	990.66
	$2,971.98

Respectfully,

F. D. Leary,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

January 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant relative to silver and bronze planchets to be made for the San Diego Exposition Company at your Mint, I beg to say that the silver item need not enter in your bullion accounts as it is understood that the Exposition Company is to deliver the silver to you, or supply it. See letter of January 6th.

That this Bureau may have a record of the transaction I have to request, however, that a separate account in ounces shall be forwarded.

As the bronze planchets are to be manufactured from metal in your "BRONZE METAL ACCOUNT" you will please charge out of that account the necessary quantity at the average price carried in that account, to a new Account termed "SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION ACCOUNT". When the planchets are paid for credit "SANDIEGO EXPOSITION ACCOUNT" and debit "MINOR COIN ACCOUNT".

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

B

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

BE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 30, 1915.

rintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Temporary appointment Lange approved.

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR: _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2-1917

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February 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing receipts for premium upon the bond of Mr. Charles S. Arms. The receipts have been forwarded to the office of the Secretary for file with Mr. Arms' bond.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay cents from deliveries 1 - 8 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
47.00 (3)	46.75	46.80	46.90
.10	.95	47.30	.95
.85	47.20	.50	47.15
.95	.45	.65	.85
48.65	.50	48.00	.95
49.15	48.20	.10	48.00
.45	.30	.55	.30
50.60	.50	.70 (2)	.70
	49.00 (2)	49.05	49.00
			.50

No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8
47.80	47.50	46.65	45.05
.90	48.00	48.15	46.65
48.05	.05 (3)	.30	47.50
.10	.10	.60 (2)	.85 (2)
.15	.90 (2)	.75	.95
.65	49.05	.90	48.00
.85	.45	.95	.05
49.15		49.05	.10
.20		.60	.70
.70			

Several of these coins were struck on dirty dies.

Respectfully,

A.O. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay nickels from delivery No. 4 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 4.
76.55
.90
77.05
.55
.95
79.50

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of Jan. 29th stating that you have had no electrical protection to the vaults since June 30th last is just received.

Are you satisfied that the vaults are sufficiently safeguarded without the electrical protection? If not, will your Contingent appropriation be sufficient to stand the additional expense? If it is desired to restore the electrical protection, making payment from your Contingent appropriation, please advise the Bureau as to such arrangements as can be made, also the cost of same, with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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Feb. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Western Pacific Ry. Co., stationery from Wash. Oct. 30, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$9.49
Southern Pacific Co., clay furnace parts from Denver Oct. 28, 1914 - - - - - - - - -	49.24

Respectfully,

A. D. Tarrey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

A conference with Mr. Barber and Mr. Clark at Philadelphia having developed that you were not provided with a press of sufficient power to strike the $50 gold pieces required for the exposition, the Secretary of the Treasury has directed that a press suitable for this shall be forwarded to you from Philadelphia.

I am trying to arrange the matter so that the press need not be absent from Philadelphia an excessive length of time, as Mr. Barber has frequent need of it. I calculate that as soon as the designs for the coin are accepted will be soon enough to start the press on its way, and I will then notify you of the fact.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dresel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant enclosing receipts for premiums upon the bonds of the following employes:

Mr. E. D. Hawkins. Mr. Joseph C. Bates.
Mr. William W. Grissim.

The receipts have been forwarded to the office of the Secretary for file with the respective bonds.

Respectfully,

F. O. Denny

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. Ry. Co., Coast Lines, for transportation as below, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation.

Crucibles from Jersey City Oct. 23/14 - - - - - $14.89
Asbestos gloves from Phila. Oct. 23/14 - - - - 6.32

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury,

F Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - -	10,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - -	5,000
	$20,000

Respectfully,

L. O. Davis

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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Feb. 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to combine, in the cost reports, the machine and carpenter shops into a single division.

Please explain the method used in segregating the Power and Steam Plant expenses into steam, light, and power, as shown in the Nov. and Dec. cost reports; also give basis for determining the unit cost per k.w.h.. What basis is used in distributing these expenses to the various divisions and processes?

In the ingot making division please show separately the value of alloy copper used, as per form accompanying the report of the cost committee; this copper can be distributed direct to denominations and should be so shown - see Philadelphia's August report. In the coining, etc., division cannot the value of coin bags used be distributed direct to denominations. The idea is that when it can be readily determined that stores are consumed in the manufacture of a particular denomination the distribution or charge will be made direct to that denomination; other stores to be distributed indirectly with other costs at one operation.

In the coining department divisions it is noted that the time of the Foremen is charged direct to denominations. Is this more accurate than to distribute same indirectly; of course it would be if only one denomination at a time was in process under the supervision of a particular foreman.

In the October coinage recapitulation it is noted that in the cents column the statistics indicate a balance in process, 99% complete, while the cost, $22.04, has been charged out to product. Should not the $22.04 be changed to value of work in process?

Respectfully,

F. O. Sewry,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

February 9, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant relative to the opening day of the Exposition I beg to say that you are authorized to excuse all of those who can be spared upon that day.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please refer to December voucher #11 in favor of California Mill Co. for sash, door, and inside trim, $15.75. These items appear to be for changes in the building for which the Architect's appropriation is liable. Please forward such information as will definitely fix the appropriation from which payable, also copy of your authority for incurring the expense.

January voucher #4 calls for 3 lights of glass at a total cost of $7.35, while the proposal calls for 12 lights at the same price; please advise me if 10 lights 24"x 30" were received (American Plate & Window Glass Co.).

January voucher #25 favor Enterprise Foundry Co., 4th item, 2 plain castings (1295 lbs.) apparently should have been charged at the rate of 4¢ instead of 4½¢; please advise me as to this.

January voucher #54, favor Fred Ward & Son, $1.17, is returned herewith for your signature to the certificate.

With reference to the payments to Mrs. Rude of the amounts due her deceased husband, you will please obtain from her and forward to the Bureau to accompany the accounts to the Auditor, the undertaker's receipted bill for his services, as well as receipted bills for any other funeral expenses. These are chargeable to the estate of the deceased and unless paid, the receipt of the widow does not constitute a sufficient release to the Government of the amount owing by the Government to the estate. This should be borne in mind in future similar cases. In the Rude case the affidavit states that the funeral expenses had not been paid.

Respectfully,

J. B. Leavy

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay cents from deliveries 9, 10, 11, and 12 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 9	No. 10.	No. 11.	No. 12
47.80	47.35	46.90	47.20
48.00	.65	47.85	48.00
.05	.80	.95	.20
.60	.95	48.00	.35
.80	48.05	.10	.45
.85	.45	.25	.60
.90	.60	.30	.70
49.20	.70	.70	.75
.45	.95	49.00	.80
.55	49.00	.55	49.20

A very few of these were struck on dirty dies.

Respectfully,

L. S. Tenny

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

SIR:

Unless you have some special reason for making your deliveries of one-cent pieces so small as $1000 each, I would suggest that in the future you increase these deliveries to $5,000 each.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing two cents from delivery No. 15, and would direct your attention to "O" in one, and the indistinctness of "United States" and "America" in the other.

Respectfully,

A. P. Davis

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay cents from deliveries 13, 14, and 15 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 13	No. 14	No. 15
47.95	47.55	47.05
48.10	.65	.20
.55	.75	.45
.65	.95	.55
.80	48.00	.75
.95	.05	.95
49.05	.40	48.40
.20	.75	.60
50.00	.85	.85
50.35	49.45	49.90

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose .3 oz. silver to balance Philippine special assay coin account for 6 months ended December 31, 1914.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $1,539.30, the value of special assay coins forwarded by you, as follows:-

Gold ----------	$1,530.00	
Silver ----------	9.30	$1,539.30

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Wells Fargo & Co. Express -

Dies to Phila. Jan. 6, 1915 - - - - - - - -	$31.69
Assay coin to Phila. Jan. 2, 1915 - - - -	13.85
Proof gold from Phila. Jan. 14, 1915 - -	1.50

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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February 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Treasurer of the United States to authorize you to deliver to the Government of the Philippine Islands 66.93 fine ounces of silver of the value of $36.70 in exchange for a like amount of silver contained in Philippine coins reserved for test by the annual assay commission, delivered to and now in the possession of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following deposits be made in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on coinage:-

On account of profits on subsidiary coin, and increase of your bullion fund in like amount ---------- $34,367.03

On account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase of your Minor Coin Account in like amount $27,187.41

Respectfully,

F. D. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co. for transportation of fire clay furnace parts from Denver Nov. 27, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $28.17.

Respectfully,

A. O. Denny,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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March 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Under date of February 26, 1915, the bond of Edwin A. Clarke of your Mint, in amount $2,000, was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. Surety The Southwestern Surety Insurance Company.

Respectfully,

A. O. Brown

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

A. O. Tzeutzy,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose two very poorly executed cents which are characteristic of your recent deliveries of cents, and would direct your attention expecially to the poor surface and discoloration of the one from delivery No. 24 and the top of "O" in "One" and the indistinctness in "E pluribus unum" in the one from delivery No. 25.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, March 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return to you herewith mint receipt for gold bullion No. 2858 for signature.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 8, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Forward copy gains and losses on anode melts since last settlement.

Acting Director.

Chief, Bud Mint Bureau 1115.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
PLEASE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8163.

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March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - -	10,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the blank form of bond forwarded to you to be transmitted to Mr. Pack for execution, I beg to say that upon the return of the bond to this office it will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval. You will be advised by wire when Mr. Pack's bond has been approved, and his Commission can then be delivered to him, when he will take the oath of office before a Judge of the United States or of some Court of Record of your State.

Commission and form of oath have been forwarded to you under seperate cover to be held by you pending the approval of the bond.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In delivery No. 25, cents, one coin weighs 45.02 grains which is only .02 grain above the legal limit. I would thank you to have 500 coins from this delivery weighed on a 2.90 grain limit and report to this Bureau the exact weight of all coins below that limit.

Respectfully,

J. E. Drum

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, March 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your Bullion A/cs., for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1914, with my approval.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dern

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been deposited to your credit and to the credit of your appropriations, by C/D #2628 dated Feb. 27, 1915, sums as below, being costs of manufacturing pesos, 20- and 10- centavos for the Philippines Government:

Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - - -	$901.67
Contingent Expenses, 1915 - - -	450.83
	$1352.50

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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March 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 26th on the subject of electrical protection to vaults and note the excellent measures taken for protection of the large values carried at that institution.

Of course electrical vault protection should not be allowed to lessen other precautions - to my mind its principle value is in connection with walls and floors of storage and other vaults that cannot be seen except from the inside, being thus exposed to possible tunneling operations.

Congress has been strongly opposed on general principles to the practice of paying considerable fixed charges for such service as the one in question. In past years they have been called upon to appropriate in the neighborhood of $30,000 per annum for electrical vault protection. Of late they had permitted the installation by the Government of its own systems, thus getting the benefit of the service at a minimum cost, but finally cut off the appropriation before all the buildings needing this protection were equipped. In view of these circumstances it is thought that your conclusion, to the effect that Congress' elimination of specific appropriation for electric vault protection clearly indicated the intention of that body that no money should be spent for such service, is not entirely warranted. Vaults in the

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Treasury Building, in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and I understand elsewhere, have such protection. Your contingent appropriation is available for such needed supplies and services as are not elsewhere appropriated for.

From your letter it is noted that five of the sixteen vaults are equipped for electric protection, and that in the past protection has been supplied for three of the five. The Architect's office advises me that the equipment was installed and is owned by the American District Telegraph Co.; as it is now of little value to them it is suggested that you request from them an offer of sale, advising me of same, also of the probable cost of installing your own central station, with any other pertinent information. It is thought that the current and maintenance expenses would be inconsiderable.

With your reply would like further recommendation as to whether you consider the electrical protection of sufficient value to warrant the expense involved under changed conditions.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Director of the Mint.

F

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March 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., for transportation of furnace linings from Elizabeth, N. J. to your institution Dec. 4, 1914, has been referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $21.83.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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, March 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant relative to the non-receipt of "Gold Deposit Tags, Form 464" I have to state that they were shipped from this Bureau on the 2nd instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

A.L.H.

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March 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this Office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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March 13, 1915.

Hon. T. W. H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:

This will introduce Mr. Charles A. Harbaugh who will succeed Mr. H. P. Huddleson as Chief Special Agent in general charge of the Treasury exhibits at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. I desire to bespeak for Mr. Harbaugh the same courtesies and help at the exposition which you have extended to Mr. Huddleson.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co. for transportation of crucibles from Jersey City Dec. 17, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $292.66.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

F

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March 15, 1915.

Honorable T. W. H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of congratulation and to thank you for your good wishes. I expect to find the duties of my position very interesting, and shall appreciate your co-operation in the work.

It will give me pleasure to arrange for you a visit to the several important institutions of the service. I am planning to be in San Francisco within about sixty days, and will go over the matter with you at that time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay cents from deliveries 22 - 25 have been weighed with the following results:-

45.02
46.15
.7
.9
47.15
.2 (3)
.35 (2)
.4 (2)
.5 (2)
.55 (2)
.7 (2)
.75
.85
.9 (2)
.95 (2)
48.0
.1
.2
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.5 (3)
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.95 (2)
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Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 17, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited to your credit on account of the profits on the coinage during the month of February:-

On account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin ----------$43,478.36
and the increase of the Bullion Fund of your Mint in like amount.

On account of thr profits on the coinage of Minor coin, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account, ---------- 12,470.24

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
March 20, 1915.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Pauck's bond approved.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
B—5921 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the U. S. Coast Guard for two flags received by you February 15, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $17.49.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, March 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 15th instant, I have ordered a supply of Form 7 A and Form 42 to be printed as early as practicable, which will be forwarded to you promptly upon receipt from the Public Printer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in the sum of $1,013.98 payable in proof gold and silver to be forwarded to you from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of dies from Philadelphia Jan. 11, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $4.24.

There has been deposited to your credit and to the credit of your appropriations by C/D #3304 dated March 18, 1915, sums as below in payment for execution of 20 and 10 centavo pieces for the Philippines Government:

Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1915 -$ 979.43
Wages of Workmen, do - 1958.86

Respectfully,

F. M. Howell

F Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 25th instant you are hereby authorized to purchase for the Cashier's Office one Peerless check writing machine from the Peerless Check Protecting Company, for the sum of $55.00.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

March 31, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant recommending the promotion of Frank J. Healy from the position of Helper to that of Weigher in the Assay Department.

I trust it will not inconvenience you to hold this promotion pending my arrival in San Francisco which I hope will be within a comparatively short time.

Your recommendation for the employment of Mr. Clark as a temporary weigher, and that of the promotion of Mr. Moffatt from weigher to Assayer's Assistant, have gone forwarded to the Secretary's office with my approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Clyde Steamship Co. for transportation of dies to Philadelphia Jan. 6, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.24.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As this is your first experience in making special exposition coins I am writing to remind you that both pyx coins and Bureau special assay coins are to be reserved from the deliveries of the exposition coins, and forwarded in just the same way as from the deliveries of regular coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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Night Mes

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 3, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Discontinue the coinage of gold and prepare to run on silver and minor coins.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on a blank line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
P—9491

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Complete gold coinage now in process but do no more gold.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6327

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: night message

Washington,

April 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Fisher's and McSherry's appointment approved date of oath for not exceeding thirty days.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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April 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	15,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - -	5,000
	$25,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following questions are submitted with a view to securing information upon which to base any action which may be considered advisable with respect to the cost and inventory systems. Please forward reply during the current month in order that, if possible, the entire matter may be put on a permanent basis by the first of next July.

Has use been made by the administrative office and by operative officers of the information provided by the present cost system, and if so, in what respects?

In what respect was the information provided by the former cost system used?

Express opinion, with detailed reasons, as to the comparative value of the information disclosed by the two systems.

Give detailed comparative statement of the amount of time actually necessary in the operation of the two systems, for a representative month (if known, actual time of each clerk, otherwise a fair estimate, exclusive of other work performed).

Submit any recommendations considered desirable with respect to costs and inventories, making them definite rather than general, and with a view to their being applied to the entire Mint Service. Include therewith explanation of the advantages to be derived, also estimate of the proposed saving in operating expense, particularly time of employees. In this connection please consider the question of accuracy as between cost accounts, cash accounts, stores and inventories, and the necessity of consolidating all data for the service as a whole.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo relative to the interior lighting system planned for your Mint, upon consultation with the Supervising Architect's Office the Bureau has been advised that the Architect is waiting to hear from you, through this Bureau, as to the estimated cost of the fixtures you propose to install from your contingent appropriation. The Architect's Office will not proceed with the wiring until the fixtures have been determined upon, and they are advised that funds are available for the same. Please forward to this Bureau your recommendation after obtaining competitive bids on supplying the fixtures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry. Co., transportation of corundite brick from Masillon, O., 12/8/14 - $31.26
Wells Fargo & Co. Express, transportation of proof gold and silver from Phila. 3/24/15 - - - 1.80
Dies from Phila. Feb. 4th and 11th, 1915 - - 4.14

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay cents from deliveries 34 - 38 have been weighed with the following results:-

46.70	48.05
47.00	.10 (2)
.20 (2)	.20
.35 (3)	.25 (2)
.45 (4)	.30 (2)
.55 (2)	.40 (2)
.65	.45 (2)
.70 (3)	.50
.75 (2)	.55
.85	.60
.90 (3)	.65 (2)
.95 (4)	.70 (2)
	.80
	49.25 (2)
	.30

Several of these coins were struck on dirty dies; especially the top of the "O" in "One" and the word "Trust" are defective.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose check for $5.50 to balance the account of special assay minor coins forwarded by you during the first quarter of the calendar year.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 10, 1915.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith authority for you to advertize for supplies which will be required by your institution during the fiscal year 1916.

Please do not plan to enter into formal contract for supplies which may be as economically and satisfactorily purchased during the year under competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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April 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 13th instant relative to the interior lighting of your Mint, I beg to advise you that upon consultation with the Supervising Architect's office the Bureau was told that drawings and specifications for the new conduit and wiring system would be placed on the market in the near future, and copies will be sent to you, that you may prepare data for the lighting fixtures.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, April 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith sample copies of Forms 488 and 625, forwarded with your requisition of the 6th instant, for further information, as they are not the size stated in your letter nor is the Superintendent's certificate attached thereto.

Form 62 has been abolished for several years. Form 515 Estimate blank will be forwarded in due course of business. Cashier's Memorandum to Bookkeeper is an old Form which has been abolished and the same applies to "Bullion Report" books.

Sample 44 calls for ruled official letter paper which is not furnished by this Department. A supply of 3000 sheets of unruled paper, however, will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

L. D. Fenny,
Acting Director of the Mint.

H.

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April 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited in the Treasury to your credit on account of the profits on coinage during the month of March:

Subsidiary silver coin -------- $36,359.23
and increase of the Bullion Fund
of your Mint in like amount.

Minor Coin profits, ---------- 10,606.00
and the increase of the Minor
Coin Account in like amount.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1916.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In future cost reports, including the annual cost report, please state the costs of manufacturing Philippine coin under the product heading "Charges for services rendered others" instead of under the heading "Manufacture of coin".

On page 11 of your February report the cost per standard ounce for month, of annealing and cleaning halves should be $0.00042 instead of $0.000042.

With reference to the note at foot of page 13 of your January cost report concerning percentage of completion of balance in process, it seems that the percentage of completion of product has been given (100%), instead of the balance in process (0%), which balance when consisting of clippings, etc., which must be entirely reworked, is not properly chargeable with any of the prior expense and should not be stated as partially or wholly complete.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 22, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith Form 474, rendered for the March quarter, with the request that you will insert the amount of bullion and minor coinage metal on hand. This information should be furnished in future whenever this statement is rendered.

Respectfully,

F. O. Dewey,
Acting Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

REGISTER.

April 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

A. D. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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April 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been placed to your credit and to the credit of your appropriations by C/D 4361 dated April 22, 1915, sums as below in settlement of bill for manufacture of 19,932.80 ₱ in 20-cent-ave pieces for the Philippine Government:

Contingent Expenses, 1915 - - - - - - - -	$176.07
Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - - - - - - -	352.14
	$528.21

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

April 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 23rd instant you are authorized to invite proposals for platinum you have on hand, following the plan outlined in your letter. I would suggest, however, that you add to the list of those to be invited to bid the name of Goldsmith Brothers, Chicago, Illinois.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dery,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scrap representing certificate bar melts 140-217 samples forwarded for assay.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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REGISTER

May 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this Office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 1,500
Wages of Workmen - - - - - -	10,000
	$11,500

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay cents from delivery 39 have been weighed with the following results:-

46.87
47.25 (2)
.50
46. (3)
.15
.35
.50
.60 (2)
.80
.90
49.30

Several of these coins are poorly executed showing lack of attention in the coining.

Respectfully,

F. D. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this Office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

F. D. Ewing.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Register.

May 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $30,267.89 be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in like amount.

I have also requested that the sum of $6,119.47 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and thatthe Minor Coin Account of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co. for transportation of crucibles from Jersey City to your institution March 11, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $105.59.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been placed to your credit and to the credit of miscellaneous revenues by C/D #3433 dated March 22, 1915, the sum of $9.59, being proceeds of sale of 19 coin boxes to the Philippines Government. This item should be carried in your accounts for the current quarter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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May 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FFD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 17th instant requesting that an examination be held for appointment to the position of Weigher in your Mint. The request has been acted upon favorably in this Bureau and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that the examination be expedited as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant stating that the reserved coins from the Panama Pacific International Exposition coinage will be taken from an excess of the required delivery to the Panama- Pacific Exposition Company. It is understood that the excess is to be only sufficient to meet the requirements of reserve coins. Your action in this matter is duly approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please refer to Bureau's letter of April 8, 1914, quoting from a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury on the subject of exigency purchases, and forward such information as will support vouchers pertaining to your April account bearing indication of exigency purchase, namely:

# 8, favor Chas. Brown & Sons - - - - - - - - -	$4.55
#30, favor Lindauer & Co. - - - - - - - - - - -	.60
#32, favor C. W. Marwedel, (two items) - - - - -	14.59
#45, favor E. C. Purington & Son - - - - - - - -	2.40
#47, favor Sanborn Vail & Co. - - - - - - - - -	2.00

Also, with respect to voucher #32, favor C. W. Marwedel, item Stanley rules - the accepted quotation is on 3 rules while the voucher indicates receipt of only one without any reduction of the quoted price. Explanation is desired.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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, May 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please let me know what quantity of Platinum you recovered during the calendar year 1914, and, if possible, its source.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

B.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In order to settle some questions regarding the relation between the general composition of ingots and the fineness of individual coins, I would thank you to have a strip especially punched so that the blanks are kept separately by themselves, and to forward the blanks to the Bureau, stating the fineness at which the ingot melt was reported and the individual assays upon which the report is based.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase from E. W. Bliss & Company one Bliss Cupel Machine for the sum of $550.00. In ordering the machine please send to Bliss & Company government bill of lading to be used by that Company in shipping the machine to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

American Express Co., one ram from Bridgeton, N. J., to San Francisco Mint Dec. 31, 1914 - - - - - - - $8.28

Philadelphia Mint, 4 sets D.E.collars and 2 sets eagle collars, ordered Feb. 8, 1915 - - - - - - $101.21

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 25, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Thursday, June 10th, has been determined upon as the day upon which the annual settlement of your Mint will commence. Mr. F. P. Dewey, Assayer of this Bureau, has been designated as chairman of the committee. Mr. Edward Leech, Chief Clerk of the U. S. Mint at Denver, will assist, together with Mr. T. G. Hathaway of the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

I trust this arrangement will be satisfactory to you, and that the committee will do everything possible to co-operate with you in expediting the settlement at your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1915.

Hon. T. W. H. Shanahan:
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Senator:

I want to thank you sincerely for the many courtesies which you extended to me on my recent visit to San Francisco. You were responsible for making my stay there delightful. I shall always feel greatly obliged to you. My return trip was pleasant though uneventful, aside from an interesting day spent at San Diego, and three days at New Orleans.

Needless to say, I feel that I know a good deal more about the Mint service than I did six weeks ago. It is gratifying to be able to report to Secretary McAdoo that such able officials and courteous gentlemen as you, and Mr. Annear of Denver, are in charge of our western mints.

I am going to borrow Mr. Elder from you very shortly. As I have already explained; I want him to go to the Denver and Philadelphia mints and the New York Assay Office, and so re-shape the cost system that it will be workable in all, productive of necessary information, and much less expensive than at present to keep. I will advise you later about the date when I shall want him to start east.

With kindest regards, and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, May 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby requested to prepare, in duplicate, your report covering the operations of your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915 and to forward it to this Bureau as early as practicable after that date in order that I may be enabled to include the same in my report to the Secretary of the Treasury for 1915, on the date prescribed by law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Night Message

Washington,
May 26, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Will it be necessary to have damaged fifty dollar die replaced by Philadelphia.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
3-6927

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have instructed the Mint at Carson to make the final shipment of bullion for the fiscal year 1915 in time to reach your mint not later than June 18th. Please issue the usual memorandum with as little delay as possible in order that this office may effect the transfer before June 30th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of memorandum received from Assistant Secretary Malburn relative to detailing an employe of the Customs Service for service on the board of examiners of the Civil Service Commission in order to relieve the employe of your institution who has previously served.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay nickels from deliveries 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 have been weighed with the following results:-

75.85 (2)	77.40
76.10	.60
76.20 (2)	.75
.45	.80
.50	.85 (2)
.55	.90 (2)
.60 (2)	.92
.65	.95 (2)
.70	78.00
.90	.10
.95	.15
77.00 (2)	.20
.10	.30 (2)
.15 (2)	.40
.20	.60
.25 (2)	.65
.30	.67
.37	78.70
	.75 (2)
	79.00

The word "Liberty" is very poor on several of these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 29, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Half dollar deliveries ten eleven twelve thirteen passed.

Director.

Cont. Ex., Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Appropriation for .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2-68.7

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

May 29, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a photostat of letter received from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York relative to quarterly clean-ups. This letter is sent to you for your information, for comment and further suggestions from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing receipt for premium upon the bond of William F. Lange. The receipt has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 4, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Exposition ~~mmin~~ dollar and half dollar deliveries one passed.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION 128
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Confirming our conference relative to the weight and tolerance of the $50 Exposition coin I beg to say:- It is understood that the weight of the piece is to be two and one-half times the weight of the regular $20 gold piece, and the tolerance the same as for the $20 gold piece, namely, one-half a grain up or down.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1915.

Hon. T. W. H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:

Since my return I have talked further with Mr. Dewey concerning anode melts, and I have requested him to again take the matter up with you upon his arrival in San Francisco next week. I am inclined to believe that you will agree the results obtained will be of greater value than we thought at our last conference on the subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of recent dates requesting authority to purchase a Multigraph and two Typewriters. Before authorizing these expenditures I beg to call your attention to the important rise in the prices of chemicals, acids and graphite goods. I have to request that all of the Contingent appropriation available to you for the purchase of supplies be applied to the purchase of the above named articles under this year's contract. Please let me hear from you in this regard, before the purchasesof Typewriters and Multigraph are determined upon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In future, when making up the report on the gain and loss in gold and silver anode melts, will you please send the same to the Bureau in triplicate, - one copy to be sent from the Bureau to New York, and the other to the Denver Mint. The New York Office and the Denver office will be given similar instructions that you may have their reports.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please substitute the enclosed copy of New York's March cost report for the one forwarded several days ago, and destroy the copy previously forwarded.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office for the remainder of the current fiscal year has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,300
Contingent Expenses - - - -	5,000
	$6,300

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo relative to lighting fixtures for the Mint, I beg to hereby authorize the purchase from the lowest bidders of the necessary materials, it being understood that the total expenditure will amount to slightly less than $1,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

June 11, 1915.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Contract for electric current approved. Letter follows.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6527

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN

Washington,

June 12, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Accept Goldsmith bid on sweeps.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128.
2-1027

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., Coast Lines, furnaces and linings from Elizabeth, N. J., February 9, 1915 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		$57.96
Wells Fargo & Co. Express, dies, collars, etc., from Phila. April 6 and 22 - - - - - -	$6.05	
Pyx coin to Phila. April 3 - - - - - -	13.60	19.65

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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June 12, 1915.

Mr. E. D. Hawkins,
Chief Clerk, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The annual settlement of the Mint at Denver is to begin on June 25th, and you have been designated to act as chairman of the committee. You are, therefore, requested to proceed to that institution in time to commence the work of settlement on the day named.

Prior to commencing the settlement you will obtain from the Superintendent a statement on Form 976, certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand as shown by the books at the close of business on the 24th instant. A supplemental statement on the same form covering the business necessarily transacted during the settlement will be obtained by you from the Superintendent upon a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement.

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, but it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin and certificate bars now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates attached to the vaults of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any coin or certificate bars as desired by the Superintendent, and state the facts in your report.

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You are further directed to make a careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain or loss in bullion to the Superintendent and the operative officers from amounts charged to them in their accounts, and to report your findings. You are especially directed to examine the following sources of gain or loss: Mass melting, manufacture of fine bars, delivery of ingots and red elivery of scrap at 900 fine, conversion of deposits direct into certificate bars, and silver not paid for in deposits. All other sources of gain or loss that you may discover should also be investigated.

The amount of gold and silver wasted by the operative officers will be ascertained by you and should wastage appear to be excessive you will endeavor to ascertain the cause, or causes.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion or of bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers statements signed by them of the material in their possession which you will use in checking off the material as delivered and eventually file with your report. In weighing certificate bars it will be sufficient to weigh in convenient lots.

You will obtain from the Treasurer a statement of the Superintendent's balances.

Before closing the settlement you will obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of any coin, precious metal or minor

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coinage metal in his possession, but not charged to him on the books.

At the close of the settlement you will have form 900 and form 901 made out and after checking as far as you are able, forward them with your report.

As early as practicable in the settlement you should make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

The settlement committee should receive, verify as to quantity and forward a complete inventory of all government property in the institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letters of the 5th and 8th instants you are hereby authorized to purchase the following equipment for your Mint; payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1915:-

Two ½ H.P. Motors	$67.60 92.50	160.10
Two 1 H. P. Motors	88.10 96.40	184.50
Two 2 H. P. Motors	111.60 145.20	256.80

It is understood that the above bids are the lowest for motors of the required speed. The purchase is to be made from the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company.

Two No. 2:8 Western Chief Bench Drills at $75 each, from Eccles & Smith Co.	$150.00
One Field Polishing Machine from Fred. Ward & Son.	36.00
One No. 4 Stark Precision Bench Lathe complete, with full set of chucks, etc., Fred. Ward & Son.	232.35

Desks and tables to be re-covered at $3.32 per desk, and $3.44 per table.
D. H. & E. Walter & Co.

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No. 2 Motor Driven Knight Milling and Drilling Machine - from Harron, Richard & McCone at ------- $910.00

No. 15-30-C Motor Driven Besley Patternmakers' Grinder - from Harron, Richard & McCone at ------- 852.00

The two last items are to be purchased if the state of your contingent appropriation permits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

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June 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $116,300.27 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the months of April and May, and the increase of the bullion fund of your Mint in like amount.

I have also requested that the sum of $31,209.12 be deposited in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase in the minor coin account of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

F. M. Nagel

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day placed with the Agent of the Remington Typewriter Company in this city an order for two No. 11 "B" carriage Elite type Remington Typewriters at the rate of $87.50, the Government rate. It is understood that the agent in Washington will transmit the order to your local agent and he will have the benefit of the transaction with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night message

Washington,

June 16, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Please advise Mr. Hawkins Denver settlement begins Tuesday twenty-ninth instant.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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June 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 11th and 12th instants you are hereby authorized to accept the following proposals for equipment:

Westinghouse Electric & Machinery Co.

1 - 220 Volt Direct Current
Jewelers' Buffing Machine, ... $19.80

Eccles & Smith Company, ... 42.00
One 2-spindle electric pedestal
grinder, complete.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN.

Washington,

June 19, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authority granted to purchase multigraph.
Typewriters ordered through Washington Office on

sixteenth instant.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2164.
2-1937

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June 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:-

"Authority granted to purchase multigraph. Typewriters ordered through Washington office on sixteenth instant."

It is understood that the Multigraph equipment is to be supplied by the American Multigraph Sales Company for the sum of $261.00; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 21, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Delivery two Panama fifty cent coins passed. Advise Dewey cornets being mailed.

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 19115.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

D—6327

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2108.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

June 22, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Your account charged with amount transfer order.

Run of minor coin sufficient to account are required profit.

Bailey

Director.

Dec. 2.
Mint Bureau 1215.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION TO B—
The agency station from which payable must be stated on every line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2—6877
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2—6877

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 22, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Your account charged with amount transfer order.

Run on minor coin sufficient to accumulate required profit.

Woolley

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION TO B
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FROM G.P.O.
2—6627

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night message

June 23, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Instruct Mr. Pike to leave San Francisco in time to take oath at Boise July first as Assayer in Charge. Commission mailed to ~~Mrx~~ Boise ~~immdx~~ today.

Woolley

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 24, 1915.

Sir:

Referring to the new Form of Daily Statement to the Treasurer of the United States, No. 5393, a supply of which was recently sent you with instructions to begin its use on the 1st of July, I beg to advise you that this form has been revoked, and you will continue to use the current forms of Daily Statements to the Treasurer of the United States, 5393 and 5393A, until further instructed by this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

June 24, 1915.

Sir:

My attention has been called to the fact that letters signed by government officials other than the Secretary of the Treasury, the Auditor for the Treasury and the Director of the Mint, and dealing with questions of policy or containing instructions as to the use of forms, have recently been received by Superintendents of Mints and Assayers in Charge of Assay Offices.

In future you will please refer all such letters to me, and be guided in no wise by their contents unless specifically directed by me. This is not to be construed as in any way relating to transfer orders received from the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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June 24, 1915.

Sir:

Upon inquiry it is learned that the advanced price of graphite goods will make it inadvisable to enter into contract or agreement with dealers for supplying our institutions for the entire fiscal year. You are, therefore, authorized to purchase such crucibles and graphite goods as are required by you from time to time by inviting competitive bids, by circular letter addressed to dealers, and without sending the bids to the Bureau for approval.

I would suggest that an estimate of your needs for a period of four months be the basis upon which bids shall be invited.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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June 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your bullion account for the quarter ended March 31, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

M.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message.

June 25, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dies for round fifty dollar piece ready for shipment July second.

Woolley

Director.

IAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AP PROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 28, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.,

Authority granted to purchase general electric rotating standard wattmeter and one Wright maximum current demand meter.

Woolley

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2124.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 30, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to purchase sample press for crushing bullion assay samples.

Director.

Cont. Dr. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2102.

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June 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I am enclosing here with a letter to Mr. Elder authorizing him to come east. I think he should be able to perform this task in a short time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

Washington,

July 1, 1915.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
Assayer in Charge Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " " New Orleans, La.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.
" "

Usual half holiday July August September allowed.

Woolley

Director of the Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, duly approved, contracts covering awards for the fiscal year 1916. The original contracts have been placed on file with the Auditor, and the duplicate retained in the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. M. Nowell

Director of the Mint.

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, July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has particularly requested that I will submit to him my report on the operations of the Mint service by August 1st. I, therefore, urge that you will please prepare and forward to this Bureau at the earliest practicable moment, preferably, by July 15th, your report covering the operations of your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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July 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following amounts have been requested to be placed to your credit from the appropriations for 1916:- Month of July.

Salaries	$7,500.00
Wages of Workmen	30,000.00
Contingent Expenses	5,000.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in the sum of $1,033.59 payable in 50 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded to your Mint by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. Worley

Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report made by the Superintendent of Melting and Refining at the Denver Mint, and have to request that you advise me as to the possibility of your institution furnishing a similar statement, to be sent to the Bureau in triplicate, and exchanged with the reports of the New York Assay Office and Denver Mint to be sent to you. It is suggested that, for the purpose of comparison, uniform statements be exchanged.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a money order for $20.10 to cover the cost of a double eagle of this years coinage, and I trust it will be convenient for you to mail the coin on receipt of this request to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1916.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $14,355.58 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the month of June, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the heads of all Bureaus and offices in his Department to prepare and submit the annual estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, not later than August 20, 1915. In order that this Bureau may meet this requirement you are requested to immediately prepare your estimates and to forward them in time to reach the Mint Bureau <u>not later than August 10, 1915.</u>

Please refer to instructions from this Bureau under date of July 21, 1915, as to the additional information required covering comparative appropriations, fiscal years, in this instance, 1917, and 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I beg to say that it will be unnecessary for you to resume the coinage of double eagles for the present as there is a stock of about $90,000,000 on hand in the Sub-treasury at San Francisco. This would seem to be sufficient to meet the demands for coins of that denomination for some time to come. Please keep your force occupied on the silver coinage for the present.

Upon the return of Dr. Dewey the report upon the double eagle assay coins now in the Bureau laboratory will be taken up immediately.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is in urgent need of the large medal press, as the demands upon the Medal Department of the Mint at Philadelphia are far in excess of the capacity of the presses he has now. Will you please advise me by wire, on receipt hereof, of the probable time at which the press you are using for the $50 gold pieces will be started back to Philadelphia.

As the issue of the $50 gold pieces is limited by the act to 3,000 pieces It is hoped that it will be possible for you to dispense with the medal press very soon.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 27, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegraph value gold and silver deposits and redeposits fiscal year. Mail form 61 today, also Jun ordinary accounts.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

AL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL CODE SYMBOL
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July 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, transportation dies, etc. from Philan. Apr. 30, May 3, 14 & 27 - - - - $22.17
Southern Pacific Co., envelopes from Washington May 10, 1915 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1.68

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 28, 1915.

Superintendent Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Forms sixty-one, four seventy-four, six thirty-seven fiscal year not received.

Woolley

Director.

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which is payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2108.
4-607

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July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant advising of the shipment of 144 silver half dollar cut blanks. The blanks have been delivered to the Assayer of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Until further advised please discontinue the forwarding of one-cent bronze and five-cent nickel pieces to the Bureau for examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a check for $3.90 representing the value of five cent nickel and one cent bronze pieces sent to this Bureau for inspection. (Sent April 5 to June 25th inclusive.)

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 29th instant stating that you would probably be able to return the press on the 10th of August. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be glad to have it back on account of the pressure of work in his medal department, and I will appreciate it if you will make every possible effort to hasten the shipment of the press.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 30, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francis co, Cal.

Bureau will invite bids for Tuesday, August third two o'clock on delivery one hundred thousand ounces fine silver your Mint. Please invite bids locally and wire same to Bureau Tuesday.

Director,

Cont. Dir. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

July 31, 1915.

Superintendent, Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Accounts not received; wire immediately June disbursements for salaries, wages, and contingent expenses, separately.

Wolley

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 3, 1915.

perintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Accept offer Anglo London Paris National Bank

Woolley

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 21-28.

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August 3, 1915.

The Anglo & London Paris National Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to making payments for deposits at a designated Treasury by telegraphing from there the particulars of a Certificate of Deposit, I beg to say that I have taken the matter up with the Treasurer's Office and regret to advise you that favorable consideration was not secured, as the Treasurer has already declined to accede to similar requests from others.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 4, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Accept from American Smelting Refining Company one hundred thousand ounces silver. Pay ~~xxxxxx~~ forty-eight one eighth cents fine ounce, and from Anglo London Paris National Bank seventy-five thousand ounces at four seven nine five fine ounce.

Woolley

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Coint. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
S—6927

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August 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In a discussion in your office just before I left of the question of the gain resulting from the purchase of Selby gold at the quarter and making the bars to the tenth, Mr. Wagor stated that he had a lot of actual figures on the subject. Subsequently I asked him to forward the figures here, but they have not yet been received. I would thank you to forward them soon.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Department of Justice, which will explain itself.

The Attorney General has been advised that you will co-operate with this Department by having the desired assays made at the Mint, and arranging that the Assayer shall testify at the trial of the case as to the result of the assays.

Respectfully,

A. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose .4 oz. of gold to be returned to your Assayer to make up shortage in the certificate bar sample account.

Respectfully,

F. O. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to purchase motor for sampling press.

Dewey.

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to purchase metals for Philippine coinage.

Leavy,

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6627
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2108.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Invite bids locally today on delivery five hundred thousand ounces silver your mint. Wire Bureau immediately on receipt bids.

Dewey

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR 1.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.
2—6927

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August 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, 1916 - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen, 1916 - - -	10,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 7, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Accept from American Smelting Refining Company two hundred and fifty thousand ounces silver at four eight two five and two hundred and fifty thousand ounces at four eight three seven five fine ounce.

Woolley

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 7, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Invite lowal bids untill twelve o'clock Friday August thirteen on delivery Five hundred thousand ounces silver your Mint. Advise Bureau.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing .97 oz. of silver to balance the special assay account of the Philippine Coins for the six months ending June 30, 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RFD.

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August 9, 1915.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:

It gives me pleasure to introduce to you Hon. B. D. Shan, a member of the Board of Finance of the Republic of China, and to ask that you show him every possible courtesy at the Mint. He is investigating our coinage system and has visited the mints at Philadelphia and Denver, and the New York Assay Office. I am sure you will find him a gentleman whom it is a privilege to know.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. T.W.H.Shanahan,
Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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August 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing for your files a copy of the report of the last San Francisco settlement committee, the rough draft of which was shown to you by the chairman of the committee.

In the future when a circulated coin that is imperfect through faulty mint work is replaced by a new coin by the coining department the old coin should invariably be put into the scrap material. Its weight should not be credited to the production of good coin by the department. No other kind of coin should be replaced by the coining department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

WPD.

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August 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your payrolls and vouchers, with schedule, paid during July from the 1916 appropriations has been received. Please also forward the vouchers, with schedule, paid during July from the 1915 appropriations. Returns should be made monthly, regardless of the appropriation year involved, separate schedules for each year.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 12, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry. Co., Coast Lines, for transportation of stationery from Washington May 1, 1915, $14.39, and crucibles from Jersey City May 4, 1915, $5.94, total $20.33, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum indicated.

Respectfully,

A. B. Fancy,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 13, 1915.

Superintendent Mint San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from American Smelting Refining Company two hundred fifty thousand ounces fine silver at four eight seven eighths, two hundred fifty thousand ounces at forty-nine.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2188.
2—6827

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August 16, 1913.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant transmitting formal letters of recommendation for the promotion of certain employes, I beg to say that your recommendations have been forwarded for favorable action in each case with the exception of W. H. Williams. I regret to advise you that legislation exists which will prevent this promotion. Section 7 of the Act approved March 4, 1913, reads as follows:-

> That no part of any money contained herein or hereafter appropriated in lump sum shall be available for the payment of personal services at a rate of compensation in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year; nor shall any person employed at a specific salary be hereafter transferred and hereafter paid from a lump-sum appropriation a rate of compensation greater than such specific salary, and the heads of departments shall cause this provision to be enforced; PROVIDED, That this section shall not apply to mechanics, artisans, their helpers and assistants, laborers, or any other employees whose duties are of similar character and required in carrying on the various manufacturing or constructing operations of the Government."

As the Doorkeeper is neither mechanic, artisan, helper or laborer, his compensation is not within the exception to the section made by its proviso.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of a tandard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the American Smelting and Refining Company, New York, regarding delay in the receipt of payments for silver delivered to you on account of purchases made at the Department. It may be that you are withholding payment until the entire amount of each purchase is delivered to you. It would seem practicable to make the usual partial payment on each deposit or part-delivery of such purchases as received. This would expedite payments to the American Smelting & Refining Company, and I would be glad to accommodate them. However, I will be glad to have you advise me if there is objection to such a practice, and also if my understanding of your procedure is correct.

The American Smelting and Refining Company has this day been advised that when your check on the Treasurer of the United States is presented to the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco that officer wires the Treasurer of the United States who, the same day, instructs the Assistant Treasurer at New York to make payment to the Company of the amount of your check.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am glad to have the array of figures in yours of the 10th regarding the gain of gold resulting from buying at 1/4 and stamping to the 1/10. It is a valuable addition to the Bureau's data upon the subject. These figures, however, involve two sets of assays and they raise the question of the accuracy with which Selby bars are ordinarily assayed. The investigations of the Bureau upon this subject show that the stamped fineness upon a melt of Selby certificate bars may be either high or low; that it is very often out .1 and may easily be .2 out.

The samples from five Selby melts of certificate bars, sent to the Bureau in one lot, were extensively assayed in various laboratories of the service. In the following statements a few erratic results have been eliminated.

In only one case did the stamped fineness correspond to the test assays.

The stamped fineness was 996.1. The test assays were as follows:-

3	assays	showed	995.9 fine.
12	"	"	6.0
21	"	"	.1
12	"	"	.2
4	"	"	.3
52			

In two cases the stamped fineness was above the test assays.

Stamped fineness 994.3
Test assays:-

3	assays	at	994.3
2	"	"	.4
5	"	"	.5
15	"	"	.6
10	"	"	.7
14	"	"	.8
6	"	"	.9
1	"	"	5.0
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Stamped fineness 995.
Test assays:-

3	assays	at	994.3
2	"	"	.4
5	"	"	.6
9	"	"	.7
19	"	"	.8
7	"	"	.9
4	"	"	5.0
3	"	"	.1
1	"	"	.2
53			

It should be noted that four of the very low assays were reported from one laboratory.

In two cases the stamped fineness was below the test assays:

Stamped fineness 995.8
Test assays:-

1	assay	at	995.6
3	"	"	.7
11	"	"	.8
15	"	"	.9
12	"	"	6.0
13	"	"	.1
1	"	"	.2
56			

Stamped fineness 995.4
Test assays:-

1	assay	at	995.3
13	"	"	.4
14	"	"	.5
18	"	"	.6
7	"	"	.7
4	"	"	.8
2	"	"	.9
2	"	"	6.0
61			

Aside from the settlement work the Bureau has a further deep interest in this matter. The question is sometimes asked if we stamp to .1 why do we not pay to .1? ~~This~~ The data on file in the Bureau is overwhelmingly against the practicability of paying to .1. I would like, however, to have you ask Mr. Wagor to prepare a table showing the stamped fineness of the Selby cwrtificate bar melts for the last two fiscal years, and forward a copy to the Bureau. It will not be necessary to give the fineness of

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each melt individually, but the number of times melts of the same fineness occur will be sufficient.

The mathematical discussion of the question presented by Mr. Wagor at the settlement does not bear close scrutiny. It omits the possibility of buying at .5 and stamping at .7. It also assumes that there are no losses in the operations, but it is quite possible to buy at .25 and stamp at .2 To illustrate: Suppose the actual assays of a melt should be

10 at 995.30
6 at .20
Average 995.2625

This metal must be paid for at 995.25 but the certificate bars must be stamped 995.2

Respectfully,

F. E. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of standard silver and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of silver made on each sample, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 24, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of $363.60, the value of the special assay coins sent to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 26, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Upon request the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has rendered bills against the San Francisco Mint for machines, as below, furnished for use at the exposition and by that Mint; if you will kindly send acknowledgment of their receipt, to support the vouchers, they will be sent to the Auditor for settlement, the amounts to be charged to the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1914:

Upsetting (milling) machine - - - - - - - - - - - -	$243.92
Balance, 6-ft. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1748.47
Strip shear, 6-inch - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	661.63

The charge for upsetting machine represents only the cost of changing motor, etc.; the machine was sent to Philadelphia from New Orleans Mint and cost originally about $650.00.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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August 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of dies from Philadelphia June 2d, 11th and 19th has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.72.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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September 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant enclosing receipt for premium on your bond as Superintendent. The receipt has been placed on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co., Coast Lines, for transportation of crucibles from Jersey City May 20, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.98.

There has been placed to your credit by C/D #8349 dated Aug. 28, 1915, the sum of $9.59, being the proceeds from coin boxes sold to the Philippine Govt., same having been used in shipment of gold coin. The amount has been placed to the credit of Miscellaneous Revenues.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

September 7, 1915.

TO Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Excuse all who can be spared. This means whole force except watchman if you deem it advisable.

Wolcott

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
STOCK FORM 13.
DIV. S., P., AND B.
2—4258 a

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

September 7, 1915.

TO

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Wire night letter amount and denominations foreign coins received since July First last.

Woolley
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

STOCK FORM 13.
DIV. S., P., AND B.

2—1258 a

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Sept. 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$2,500
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	10,000
	$12,500

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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September 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 30th ultimo transmitting assays of standard silver: It is noted that you failed to enclose any silver to replace the amount used for the 40 assays reported.

These 20 samples represent 20 of the 144 half dollar blanks cut from one ingot and forwarded by you on July 14. They are being, or have been, assayed by other laboratories in the service and in advance of a general discussion and summary of the results, I would direct your attention to the wide variations shown as indicating how the fineness of silver coins may differ.

Respectfully,

A. O. Denny,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 13, 1915.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
~~Superintendent Mint, Carson~~
TO U.S. Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " Boise, Idaho
" " Helena, Mont.
" " Deadwood, S. D.
" " Salt Lake, Utah.
U.S. Mint New Orleans, La.
" Carson, Nevada.

Commencing September fourteenth pay for silver partings at forty-nine cents.

Woolley

Director.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
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STOCK FORM 13.
DIV. S., P., AND B.

2—4258 a

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September 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name the following amounts:-

On account of subsidiary silver profits -- $123,020.12
and the increase of your bullion fund in like amount.

On account of the rpofits on the coinage of minor coin ---------- 6,000.00
and the increase of the minor coin account in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1915.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter of instructions to a Committee on Improvement, recently inaugurated by the Secretary. Will you please give the subject matter your personal attention, and be prepared to cooperate with the committee in every way when your institution is investigated as to business methods.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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September 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward a detailed description of your present method of handling Selby deposits.

We are taking up with the American Smelting and Refining Company the matter of melts and assays of its bullion at United States refineries, and wish to have all information that might help toward a satisfactory understanding as to losses sustained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing duplicate check No. 6499 drawn by you upon the Treasurer of the United States, in the sum of $749.28, payable to the Peoples National Bank, National City, California, together with bond and affidavit of the Bank covering such check. The case has been forwarded to the Comptroller of the Treasury for proper action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

September 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Chubb's appointment approved effective date of oath.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.
S-2007

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September 27, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th, enclosing standard silver:- The amount enclosed was only 40.15 grams instead of 44.60 grams.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drake

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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September 30, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the correspondence forwarded to you some weeks ago, bearing upon the receipt by offices of the Treasury of abraded or worn gold coin at face value, I beg to say that I will greatly appreciate an expression of your views upon such a policy at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

F. M. Vonce

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Night message. Washington,

October 2, 1915.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Proceed to execute approximately five hundred thousand dollars in eagles.

Woolley

Director ~~mint~~

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6827

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, October 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept. 23rd, requesting certain blank forms, also 50,000 sheets of "assay paper", we would be pleased to know how these papers are used, also if it is necessary that the color of the paper should be the same as the sample furnished by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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October 4, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold (48.375 ounces) to be sent to you from the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation:

Atcheson, Top. & St Fe Ry. Co., medal press from Philadelphia March 22, 1915 - - - - - - -	$385.22
Southern Pacific Co., fire brick from Denver June 30, 1915 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	68.88
Wells Fargo & Co. Express, dies from Philadelphia June 30, 1915 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3.13
Eccles & Smith Co., 2 bench drills - - - - - - - -	150.00
Harron, Richard & McCone, milling machine - - -	910.00
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., motors - - -	334.10

Respectfully,

F. H. Abbott

F Acting Director of the Mint.

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, October 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

From and after this date reports on Form 225 (Examination and Count of Funds) will be discontinued.

The count of cash, bars, etc., in the hands of the cashier will, as usual, be made by the Superintendent or his representative, and if found correct he will so certify on the Cashier's Daily Statement rendered for the last day of the month.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	10,000
Contingent Expenses - - - -	5,000
	$20,000

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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, October 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please inform this Bureau if the present style of Receipts for Gold Bullion, Form 7 A, or other similar Forms, are satisfactory to your mint.

If you have any alterations to suggest regarding this Form, I would be pleased to have you state them clearly, in detail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night message.

Washington,

October 6, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Please request Mr. Elder to hasten report on Cost System.

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—1927 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

October 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant you are authorized to invite proposals for furnishing supplies for the sleeping quarters of the Superintendent of the Building.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, October 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

From and after this date reports on Form 219 (Melting and Refining Department Balances) and Form 220 (Coiner's Balances), will be discontinued.

In order that the Bureau may be advised as to the quantity and denomination of blanks and ingots in the possession of the superintendents of Coining and Melting and Refining departments, please attach to Form 232 statements giving this information.

It is also desired that the statement made by the superintendent of Melting and Refining department show the different classes of metal which comprise his nickel and bronze balances.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant recommending certain changes in the personnel of your institution. In the case of Mr. Marshall I am prepared to concur in your recommendation for the reasons given in your letter, which I have carefully considered.

In the case of Mr. McLoughlin, whom you propose to demote to the position of Helper at $1,200, I beg to suggest that you reconsider his case to the extent of reducing him to the position of "Assistant Superintendent of Machinery" with a salary of not less than $1,800 per annum. I make this suggestion after reviewing the record of Mr. McLoughlin's long and capable services, and desire very much to recognize his fidelity to the interests of the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

October 8, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Denver Mint to that of your Mint of the sum of $407.72 payable in 743.71 ounces of parting silver which, at .548228 makes the above value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, October 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

It appears that reports on Forms 81, 474 and 637 are being rendered to this Bureau for the quarter, fiscal and calendar years. In future these reports will be made quarterly and not otherwise unless called for.

Please state on Form 61 the coining and cost values of gold and silver under their headings.

Form 62 is abolished.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

, October 11, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to submit a proposed change in Sec. 2, Article 2 of the General Instructions and Regulations.

It seems that deposits of the size mentioned in the regulation are in most if not all cases poured into finished or certificate bars from the original melt and, in accordance with the regulations, reported by the assayer to the depositor and delivered to the superintendent of Melting and Refining to one-fourth of one-thousandth. The superintendent of Melting and Refining thereafter returns this metal to the Superintendent reported to one-tenth of one thousandth. This practice will necessarily result in a gain to the superintendent of the Melting and Refining department, as it would seem there would be more differences between the one-tenth and one-quarter of one thousandth in favor of the government than against it, while he is only required to handle this particular metal over the scales. At the same time it works a hardship on the depositor as he must lose what the institution gains. For that reason I am considering the change mentioned and would thank you for your views on the matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

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SECTION 2, ARTICLE 2, GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS.

Deposits of fine gold bars, or United States and foreign gold coin, and all gold deposits of standard fineness or over, containing not less than 5000 ounces, not requiring parting or refining shall be reported to one-tenth of one-thousandth; excepting that all fine gold bars resulting from the operations of the superintendent of Melting and Refining or bearing the stamp of any United States mint or the United States assay office at New York, shall be reported to one-tenth of one thousandth.

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Oct. 13, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriations as indicated:

Harron, Rickard & McCone, grinder, 1915 appro. - - $852.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., crucibles from Jersey City July 1 and 24, 1916 appro. - - 322.80

Please forward a schedule of unliquidated encumbrances against your 1915 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night message.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Wire total values foreign gold bullion and coin separately deposited september eighteenth October twentieth inclusive.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

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Oct. 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been deposited to your credit and to the credit of the appropriations indicated below, by C/D #9560 dated Oct. 14, 1915, the sum of $2,100.00, being charges for manufacture of Philippine coin:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1916	- -	$1,400
Contingent Expenses, do	- -	700

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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, October 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the enclosed amendment of Section 2, Article 3, General Instructions and Regulations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

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, October 21, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith your requisition for stationery with the request that you will please have it prepared on the proper requisition Form (2162), copies of which are enclosed herewith.

Please have all of the old-style requisition Forms you may have on hand, destroyed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures)

H.

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Oct. 22, 1915.

Sir:

Until further directed you will please take into your accounts the unrefined bullion received from other Mint Service offices, at the time its value is determined; considering the transfer orders subsequently received as merely confirmatory of past completed transactions. The shipping offices have been directed to relieve their accounts of such bullion at the time they receive your notice of values determined. This procedure will permit the accounts to show completion of the transactions at as early dates, and as between institutions, as nearly simultaneously, as possible. The shipping offices have been requested to avoid, so far as practical, making shipments near the close of a quarter, so as to reduce to a minimum the amount of bullion in transit at the time of rendering accounts. Your co-operation along this line is requested.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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October 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $70,769.33 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profit on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin during the month of September, and the increase of the bullion fund of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Oct. 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

With reference to your 1915 Contingent appropriation transactions, there appears to be encumbrances in the sum of $852.00 in excess of the payments, unliquidated items per your letter of the 18th instant, and deductions. Please advise me as to any necessary adjustments.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Oct. 28, 1915.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of medal dies Aug. 2, and coinage dies Aug. 13, 17 and 20, 1915, from Philadelphia, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $7.87.

Respectfully,

F. A. Scraffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

October 28, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 23rd transmitting certificate bar samples and 4.45 grams of standard silver:- The amount of silver due the Bureau is the equivalent of 40 determinations of silver and is much more than 4.45 grams.

Respectfully,

F. E. Raffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

FED.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In sending the letter of the 28th ultimo regarding silver due the Bureau it was overlooked that you had previously forwarded 40.15 grams on this account. This mistake is regretted and the account is now closed.

Respectfully,

F. E. Nowell

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 5, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Fred Ward & Son, Inc., for bench lathe, etc., in the sum of $232.35, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 6, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution during the fiscal year 1916 has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	10,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

F. D. Gunn

F

Acting Director Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

,November 8,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of Oct. 25th in answer to mine of Oct. 11th, with which I submitted a copy of a proposed amendment to Sec. 2 of the General Instructions and Regulations, and I beg to say that at the time I submitted this amendment to you and others, it was my intention to make it effective on Nov. 1st if, after investigation I was satisfied that it would be practicable. My investigation satisfied me, and as I had not received a reply from you, I deemed it necessary to mail it to the various offices so that it could reach them before Nov. 1st. You no doubt received the amendment before submitting your opinion, and I desire to explain to you why it was mailed prior to the receipt of your letter.

In reference to reporting fine gold to one-tenth of one-thousandth, you are aware that the Assayers of the various institutions are now reporting fine gold produced by our refineries at this figure and also upon fine gold and coin gold, upon which the Superintendent of Melting & Refining may, or may not have operated. The amendment referred to does not increase the liability to error, as the method of assaying remains the same. The only change is that the reporting to the tenth-thousandth now occurs before the bullion is transferred to the Superintendent of M.& R. and he does not receive the allowance occasioned by the difference between the one-thousandth and one-quarter-thousandth in assaying as under the former method. It does not seem to me that there is any more reason for reporting fine or coin gold cast into M. certificate or finished bars when delivery is made to the Superintendent of M.& R. at one-quarter-thousandth and returned by him at the tenth-thousandth than there would be for reporting fine gold from the refinery operations to the quarter-thousandth in one case and the tenth-thousandth in another.

I believe it advisable to cast all deposit metal covered by this amendment into certificate or finished bars in the deposit melting room, and in considering the size of the deposit, the 5000 ounce minimum limit was decided upon as being large enough to be placed into certificate bars. They will not require to be operated on by, or cause any loss to the M.& R. department. Deposits of less than 5000 ounces can be massed in the M.& R. department, or used for refinery purposes if needed. The allowance on deposits of this size will cover losses due to these operations.

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With reference to Mr. Wagor's statement that coin gold is never placed into certificate bars, but held for recoinage and suffers a loss in melting into ingots, I desire to say that the Mint at Philadelphia is furnished all gold, fine and standard, for coinage purposes by the New York Assay Office, and as they are certificate of finished bars, they are always charged to the Mint at one-tenth-thousandth.

Your Superintendent of Melting & Refining says that at present you are pouring all certificate bars from the original melt, but that he "assumes all loss in melting operations". I do not understand why the Supt. of M.& R. should assume losses on deposit gold poured into certificate bars in the deposit melting room, and I would thank you to advise me whether I correctly understand him as making that statement.

My investigation has shown me that it is treating the depositor whose deposits come within the provisions of this amendment more fairly in his settlements, and it will be an incentive for him to make his deposits of 5000 ounces or more, which, when placed into certificate bars from the original melt, eliminates the second melt for which no charges are collected.

It is as necessary to place a limit on the size of the deposits herein referred to as it is in the case of advance payments on deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, November 10, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

To enable this Bureau to estimate the production of gold and silver during 1915, you are hereby requested to prepare on Forms 61 and 637, statements of the deposits of gold and silver at your mint in fine ounces and value for the eleven months ending November 30, and also an estimated statement of deposits for December as furnished heretofore, so as to reach this Bureau on or before December 12th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1915.

The Director
of the Mint.

Sir,

Samples to represent melts of gold certificate bars made from Selby deposits at the San Francisco Mint have been assayed here with the following results:-

#276

1	assay showed	995.0
2	" "	.1
6	" "	.2
2	" "	.5

Report 995.1

#282

1	assay showed	995.6
11	" "	.7
7	" "	.8
1	" "	.9

Report 995.7

#287

4	assays showed	996.0
10	" "	.1
6	" "	.2

Report 996.1

#292

2	assays showed	994.1
9	" "	.2
8	" "	.3
1	" "	.4

Report 994.2

#302

4	assays showed	995.1
9	" "	.2
3	" "	.3

Report 995.2

Scraps returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Jordan P. D'Ewy

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

Bureau of the Mint,
November 10, 1915.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, San Francisco, for his information.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 11, 1915.

Hon. T. W. H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Department is now making preparations for the removal of the Treasury exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This work will be in charge of Mr. E. H. Jamison, Superintendent of the Treasury Building, and Mr. Samuel Mark, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Department.

I have to request that you will make the necessary preparations to detail as many of the employes of the Mint as you can possibly spare to assist in the safe packing and removal of the property of the government under the jurisdiction of this Department. It will, of course, be necessary to detail suitable men in order that the work may proceed as rapidly as possible. I am sure the officers in charge will be glad to receive suggestions from you, and I take pleasure in assuring you of my appreciation and that of the Department of your cooperation with the representatives of the Department who have been assigned to duty at San Francisco during the Exposition. I realize that you have a very limited force, but am confident you will render all possible assistance in the final work to be done.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 18, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a memorandum received from the Acting Supervising Architect relative to thevault space treated in your letter of the 30th ultimo, and trust provision will be made promptly for your needs.

Respectfully,

F. P. Griffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith forty cents, the balance due you for minor coins sent to the Bureau for special examination.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

Nov. 19, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of dies to the Philadelphia Mint May 24, 1915, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 19, 1915.

Superintendent, Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I will thank you to advise me on the first of each week the deposits of foreign gold coin and foreign bullion deposited with you the previous week. It will not be necessary for you to show the denominations or the country from which it came.

Please let the first statement show the total amount of each deposit with you since January 1st.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baxter
acting Director of the Mint.

FHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

,November 19,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of the 18th inst., relative to Form 39 A and Form 464, I would state that attention of the Chief of the Printing and Stationery Division has been called to your request, and he has advised this Bureau that every effort will be made to hasten the delivery and shipment to your mint of the Forms in question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

,November 20,1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return to you herewith Forms 43 A, 836, 488, and 625, also a Form of Delivery of Mint fine silver report" printed in 1880, all of which have been abolished.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures)

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 20, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau upon receipt of this letter of the number and sizes of the gold moulds you have on hand at your institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

The Bureau will at an early date, take up the revision of the General Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of the business at the mints and assay offices of the United States, and I would be pleased to receive from you at your earliest convenience suggestions as to changes which in your judgment should be made in the present regulations.

Any suggestions from you as to changes in the old, or new regulations you deem advisable will receive careful consideration.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

Washington,

November 23, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Beginning January 1, 1916, deposits for purchase by government will no longer be segregated under the classi-ons gold and silver, but will be listed simply as ts of bullion under one series of deposit numbers, regard-of whether gold or silver predominates. This is intended to de-only what are known as gold deposits and local silver ness; not silver deposits for return in bars. This com-ion will apply to the abstract sheets, the accounts and report the records.

In this connection suggestion has been made that the ary for blanks printed in different colors for gold and deposits may no longer exist; in which case many less would be required and other savings result. A proposed tion receipt form is enclosed with request that its ability be considered, and detailed report made at an ate as to whether inconvenience that might result ing but one color of forms would outweigh the ad-s.

Respectfully,

F. M. Scott

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 24, 1915

The Director of the Mint,

Sir:

Samples to represent melts of gold certificate bars made from Selby deposits at the San Francisco Mint have been assayed in the Bureau laboratory with the following results:-

307		
2 assays showed		994.5
1 "	"	.6
6 "	"	.7
3 "	"	.8
Report 994.7		

312		
1 assay showed		995.0
2 "	"	.1
9 "	"	.2
4 "	"	.3
Report 995.2		

317		
5 assays showed		995.6
3 "	"	.7
9 "	"	.8
5 "	"	.9
Report 995.8		

322		
2 assays showed		994.8
3 "	"	.9
7 "	"	5.0
4 "	"	.1
Report 995.0		

332		
7 assays showed		995.1
5 "	"	.2
4 "	"	.3
Report 995.2		

Scrap returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frederic P. Feeney

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent United States Mint, San Francisco, for his information.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

November 27, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have your letter of November 20th. with reference to the amendment to Art. 2, Sec. 2 of the General Instructions and Regulations, in which you say that the Selby Company deposited with you 9,000 ounces of fine gold and requested that each bar, weighing approximately 2,000 ounces, be melted and assayed separately, and beg to advise you that under the amendment referred to the Selby Company would not be entitled to be paid for this deposit on assays to the tenth thousandth. I agree with you that it is not the purpose of the amendment to pay for deposits to the tenth thousandth, even though the aggregate of the same amounts to 5,000 ounces or more, if melted or assayed in lots of less than 5,000 ounces. The minimum of 5,000 ounces was decided upon as sufficient to constitute a melt of certificate bars, and when depositors offering that amount or more desire the separate bars comprising the deposit, or require lots of less than 5,000 ounces to be melted and assayed separately, they of course waive their rights under the amendment and must accept payment as heretofore to the one quarter thousandth.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

THC

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

November 29, 1915.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Can you spare coining press and operator now at Panama Pacific International Exposition for Panama Exposition. Wire answer.

Woolley
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3156

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,December 1,1915

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

When reporting your coinages on Form 246, made during the calendar year 1915, please designate thereon the amount by denominations, of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company's coins reserved for special and annual assay purposes, which should be reported separately from the total coinages made for the Exposition Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 2, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your Coinage report, Form 246 for October, I note that you reported thereon the coinage of 1,000,000 one-centavo bronze pieces for the Philippine Islands, of the value of 10,000 pesos, while the Cashier's statements Form 251 A, rendered daily for the same month show a coinage aggregating 74,000 pesos in Philippine one-centavo pieces. The figures reporting this daily coinage are entered at the bottom of the sheet under "Memorandum".

I would be pleased to have an explanation of this item.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

H.

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December 3, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1916 contingent appropriation:

Western Pacific Railway, for envelopes from Washington, August 23, 1915,-	$3.17
Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for medal press returned to Philadelphia, August 13, 1915,-	$383.05

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 3, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

San Francisco, California.

Sir:

There has been placed to your credit by certificate of deposit No. 762, dated November 27, 1915, covering expense of manufacture of 5,000 pesos in 1 centavo pieces, for the Phillipne Government, $1,500, as follows:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1916,-	$1,000.00
Contingent expense, " " " "	500.00
	$1,500.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1915.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Please forward to the Bureau, by registered mail, on or before December 15th your abstract sheets, certificates of deposit, receipts and assay reports for October and November, and in future continue to forward abstract sheets, etc. on or before the 15th day of each month for the prior month.

The bullion accounts and any other supporting vouchers will be forwarded quarterly, as heretofore.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

WHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 4, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

It is desired by the Bureau that a uniform system of blanks and records be established for use in the various institutions, and with that end in view I would thank you to assemble and forward at your earliest convenience a complete set of blank forms used in the various departments of your institution, with a notation on each as to where it originates and its relation to other departments.

I would also like to have, if they can be furnished, a leaf from each record where the data reported is recorded. If these leaves cannot be furnished, please note on the blank the number, name, etc. of the record in which the aforesaid data is recorded.

Please also include sample leaves, or number of record where data is originally recorded and not taken from forms.

Respectfully,

F. E. Baltzer
Director of the Mint.

FHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 7, 1915.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, the report on melt No. 332 should have been 996.2 fine. An error was made in copying the figures for the original report, in the laboratory.

Respectfully,

F. D. Roeliffs

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD

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, Dec. 9, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith assay report No. 1868 (assay numbers 4520 - 4570) for deposit of Australian Gold Bars, for an explanation of a difference of forty-cents (40¢) in the amount of alloy charges and total charges, which are stated on the assay reportas follows:-

Alloy charges,-	$93.85
Total " ,-	141.85

and on the abstract sheet,-

Alloy charges,-	$94.25
Total " ,-	142.25.

Please correct and return without delay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

File

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December 9, 1915.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

San Francisco, California.

Sir:

There has been deposited to your credit by C. D. No. 952, dated December 3, 1915, the sum of $2,700.00, charges on Philippine coin.

Your appropriations to be credited as follows:

Wages of workmen, 1916, -	$1800.00
Contingent expense, 1916, -	900.00
	$2700.00

Respectfully,

F. E. Nolan

Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 412

December 9, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the opinion of the Comptroller of the Treasury in response to my request of December 2nd, regarding the legality of the signatures of Superintendents and Officers in Charge of the various institutions of this service to Certificates of deposit, documents and reports in connection therewith, by fac-simile rubber stamp personally initialed by the officer.

The Comptroller says he can see no legal objection to the use of such a signature if authorized and recognized by the Department.

You are therefore authorized to procure and use a fac-simile rubber stamp in signing the documents mentioned in his letter, provided your initials precede your title in the proper place for signature.

This opinion does not apply to checks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

HMC

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, December 14, 1915

NIGHT TELEGRAM.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Wire totals coined gold, subsidiary and minor, December first to fifteenth, inclusive, and an estimate of same coinage from fifteenth to thirty-first.

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
Charge Treasury Department, Appropriation for Contingent Exp. Mint Bureau, 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 14, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Secretary of the Treasury would cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $142,890.42 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and the increase of the bullion fund of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, Dec. 15, 1915.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose to you herewith receipt for deposit of gold bullion No. 986, to have the name of the depositor inserted on the face of the receipt to correspond with the same on the back thereof, and as it is also written on the certificate, viz: A. A. J. Frye.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure)

2146

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

December 16, 1915.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Please proceed immediately upon ~~xxxxxxx~~ coinage double eagles. Letter follows.

Woolley

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 18, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Treasury's stock gold coin in proportion to gold certificate bars ~~below~~ close to amount required by law. Can you coin eagles immediately with equipment on hand.

Wroeley
Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6327
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 18, 1915.

Superintendent, ~~Mint~~ Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Continue until close of year with equipment you have on Double Eagles and Eagles, ~~preferably~~ the former. preferred.

Woolley
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1916.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

NIGHT MESSAGE

December 19, 1915.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Do not permit shipment of refinery equipment to San Diego exposition. It is to be returned to Mint. Letter follows.

Woolley

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

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December 21, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

With reference to the ordinary disbursing account for the month of October, please advise me of the capacity in which the person signing the following vouchers represents his principal:

Voucher No. 8, in favor of the Crocker-Wheeler Company, signed by F.L.Ipsen.

Voucher No. 37, in favor of the N.K.Fairbanks Company, signed by C. E. Farley.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

R.

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December 23, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 16th, in regard to stamping large gold bars of a fineness of standard and better, I beg to inform you that I can see no objection to this procedure, inasmuch as re-melting these bars and casting them into smaller bars would entail a loss.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EHC.

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RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Mint Bureau. Washington, Dec. 27, 1915.

To

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.
do Denver, Colo.
do Philadelphia, Pa.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.
do do do Helena, Montana,
do do do Deadwood, South Dakota.
do do do Salt Lake, Utah.
do do do Seattle, Washington.
do do Mint New Orleans, La.
do do do Carson, Nevada.
Superintendent, Assay Office, New York, N.Y.

Commencing December twenty-seventh pay for silver parting at fifty-four cents per fine ounce.

Chaffin
Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. fisc. yr. 1916.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

STOCK FORM 1758 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

2—4258

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December 29, 1915.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of British standard gold, 916-2/3 fine, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

WPD.

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December 31, 1913.

Dear Senator:

I have given a good deal of thought to the cases of Mr. McLoughlin and Mr. Marshall, and have decided that the latter should be promoted to the position of Superintendent of Machinery and the former demoted to $1,600.00 a year. I return herewith your recommendation to be revised and brought up to date.

Mr. McLoughlin's statement to you that Judge Sweeny tried to have him demoted once and found he couldn't do it was tantamount to insubordination, and it would have been well if you had reported it to me at the time. I am the last man to stand for anything of that kind.

I beg to suggest that there is no need to agitate this matter further. Mr. McLoughlin has been given an opportunity to make his defense and I am now ready to act. I enclose herewith a letter concerning the two men from Mr. Huddleson, Assistant Chief of the Division of Public Moneys. I expect to be in San Francisco between January 20th and 25th, but would like to have the changes made before I leave Washington. Therefore, I would appreciate a prompt reply.

Cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. T. W. H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.